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RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF HADDINGTON, M.W. GRAND MASTER OF SCOTLAND; AND THE GRAND MASTERS
OF MANY FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

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CENTENARY OF CANADIAN MASONRY.

The meeting which was held in Toronto on the 28th December last to commemorate the centenary of the constitution by the "Ancient" or "Athol" Grand Lodge of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Upper Canada under Bro. WILLIAM JARVIS as Provincial Grand Master, and to which we briefly alluded in one of our Notes of last week, will, for all time, be a memorable one in the annals of the Grand Lodge of Canada for the Province of Ontario. It was a grand meeting in respect of mere numbers, but it was grander still by reason of the fact that among the hundreds of brethren who took part in it were to be found many of the ablest and most respected Craftsmen in the Province. Others of a like calibre—among whom unfortunately must be numbered Bro. JOHN M. GIBSON, O.C., M.W.G.M., and Bros. DANIEL SPRY and HENRY ROBERTSON, O.C., Past Grand Masters—would gladly have attended, but reasons of health or other sufficient cause rendered their presence impossible. But the non-attendance of these latter was in a measure compensated for by, in the first place, the enthusiasm which prevailed throughout the proceedings, and in the second place by the knowledge—in several instances by their own written statements—that these distinguished brethren, though absent personally, were present in the spirit, and sympathised most fully with the desire to honour an event to which the Craft in Canada was so largely indebted for its present state of prosperity, and the influence which its Grand Lodge exercised among the supreme Masonic bodies of the civilised world. As regards the proceedings, nothing could have been better or have reflected greater credit on Canadian Freemasonry than the manner in which the constitution of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Upper Canada was celebrated. Our respected Bro. J. ROSS ROBERTSON, Past Grand Master, who appears to have made the history of Canadian Masonry his special study, presided in the unavoidable absence of Grand Master GIBSON, and the speeches which he and others delivered, were well calculated to arouse the enthusiasm of the audience, and will prove entertaining and instructive reading to the general body of Craftsmen. The principal speaker was, of course, the Chairman, who proposed the majority of the toasts, and to whom was assigned the duty of replying for that of "Our Centennial Anniversary," and Bro. ROBERTSON is to be congratulated for the many felicitous remarks he let fall in the course of his numerous speeches. Thus, in submitting "The Queen and the Craft," after pointing out, that just 100 years before Bro. W. JARVIS, P.G.M., who presided at the celebration of St. John the Evangelist's Day, 1792, had proposed the toast of "The King and the Craft," he (Bro. ROBERTSON) expressed the hope that 100 years hence "Masons who hold allegiance to our Grand Lodge may meet under the shelter of the same old flag and drink the toast which pledges their love for the Craft universal and their fealty to a world-wide British nation." In replying for "The Prince of WALES, M.W.G.M., and the Grand Lodge of England," Bro. GEORGE A. FITZPATRICK, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, spoke of his Royal Highness as being not only a "nominal head," but also as a "working head," who was competent to do any lodge work he might be called upon, and who, in identifying himself with Freemasonry, had but followed in the footsteps of his illustrious grandfather, the Duke of KENT, and his equally illustrious great-uncle, the Duke of SUSSEX, to whom the Craft in England is indebted for the Union of 1813. He spoke further of the Grand Lodge of England being the exemplar of the true idea or basis of Masonry—namely, Benevolence and Charity. "It is under her auspices and protecting care," said Bro. FITZPATRICK, "that you have in England those magnificent Charitable Institutions maintained and cared for by the Masons of England, and to which they contribute no less a sum, I believe, than \$500,000 a year." The honour of replying for "The Grand Lodge of Canada" was shared between Bro. WHITE, Deputy Grand Master, and Bro. J. J. MASON, Grand Secretary, the latter mentioning that "the difficulties in the way of the lodges in this country during the years immediately preceding 1855 resulted in the agitation which culminated at the city of Hamilton in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada," and expressing his belief that the advisability of that step was fully justified by the events that had since occurred. Then, said he, "there were only 41 lodges with, comparatively speaking, few members;" but "lodges immediately sprang up as if by magic in every portion of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Petitions came in on every side, and lodges were rapidly formed. Masons turned up where it was never supposed that there were any at all, and in a very few years the Craft had attained a permanent position in this country. A number of Grand Lodges had swarmed off as it were, but still there has been already progress," and "at this moment we have 347 lodges in active work. We have nearly 22,000 active members scattered throughout the Province of Ontario." He also mentioned that the position of Representative of the Grand Lodge of England, which had been held for many years by the late Bro. Sir ALEXANDER MACDONALD, had been conferred by the Prince of WALES on Bro. ROSS ROBERTSON, P.G.M., an announcement which was received with loud and prolonged applause.

But the great speech of the evening was that of Bro. ROBERTSON in replying for "Our Centennial Anniversary." In this Bro. ROBERTSON traced the origin and progress of Masonry in Canada from the earliest times, the first lodge, of whose existence there is undoubted evidence, being that formed at Halifax in 1749, which with others took part in establishing the present Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. Ten years later, and only a few days after the defeat of the French on the Plains of

Abraham by the immortal WOLFE, the soldiers of the victorious army, who were members of the Craft "met Masons in a barrack room within the citadel, and practised our rites and ceremonies, thus commencing a work on new soil, which led within three months to the foundation on the 27th December, 1759, of the first Provincial Grand Lodge under Lieut. GINNETT, of the 47th Regiment, and subsequent lodges," the number established between 1759 and 1764 being set down as 11, and between the former year and 1800 as about 40. The first notice of Craft doings was to be found, according to Bro. ROBERTSON, in the *Quebec Gazette* of the 21st June, 1764, and was to the following effect: "Notice is hereby given, That on Sunday, the 24th, being the Festival of St. John, such strange brethren who may have a desire of joining the Merchants' Lodge, No. 1, Quebec, may obtain liberty by applying to Miles Prentice, at the Sun in St. John's Street, who has tickets. Price five shillings for the day." Many other interesting circumstances were mentioned by Bro. ROBERTSON, but it is not necessary we should follow him in all his details. As a clear and succinct sketch of Masonry in what is now the Province of Ontario it is certain to prove interesting, and it is only necessary we should add that the speech, which was in all respects creditable to our distinguished brother, was frequently interrupted by the warm applause of those present, and that when he resumed his seat his historical essay was rewarded with a succession of cheers, which were as prolonged as they were cordial. We heartily congratulate our Canadian brethren on the great success which attended this celebration, and we trust the Craft in the Province, under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Canada, may every year become more and still more prosperous.

THE GRAND LODGE OF ULSTER.

By HENRY SADLER.

(Continued from page 40.)

The "copy of said Memorials marked A." is a printed folio sheet containing a series of Resolutions passed at what, judging from the number of lodges represented, appear to have been influential assemblages of the Irish Fraternity in the North during the year 1806. First on the list is a meeting at Cavan, on the 4th March, at which 20 lodges were represented. The second, which seems to have been the most important, as it was by far the most numerous gathering, 72 lodges "belonging to the County of Tyrone" being represented, was held at Dungannon, on 24th March. Next in order is a meeting of the representatives of 33 lodges, convened at Armagh on the same day. Thirty-six lodges were represented at Castle Dawson on the 31st March, 25 at Ballymoney on the 14th April, 11 at Carnfenton, County Antrim, on the 11th April, and 39 at Enniskillen on the 21st March.

As the resolutions passed at these meetings all tended to the same purport, it will doubtless suffice if I transcribe those adopted by the two that appear to have been most numerously attended, viz., those held at Dungannon and Enniskillen. At the former seven resolutions are said to have been unanimously agreed to as follows:

1st. That it appears to us that the innovations proposed by the Grand Lodge of Ireland (as appears by their resolutions of the 5th of September, 1805), to be laid on the higher Orders of Masonry, are totally and absolutely unnecessary, because those Orders have, since their introduction into our Lodges, enjoyed actual and uninterrupted peace and satisfaction without any assumed controuling power.

2nd. That we pledge ourselves to one another, and to all our Worshipful Royal Arch and Knight Templar Brethren in the Kingdom, that we never will consent or agree to any innovations which may be assumed by any power whatever, conceiving that innovations so assumed are inconsistent with, and would, if persisted in, tend to injure and destroy those higher Orders of Masonry.

3rd. That we earnestly recommend to the Grand Lodge of Ireland to relinquish the idea of raising money from the Country Lodges by any such new invented mode, as a taxation on the higher Orders of Masonry, as we are fully persuaded that such taxation would manifestly cause dissatisfaction and discord throughout the Kingdom at large.

4th. That we cannot suppress our disapprobation at the variety of dissensions which have of late occurred in the Grand Lodge, and particularly at that part of its conduct by which an *old officer* and *confidential countryman* was removed from the office which he filled with honour to himself, and satisfaction not only to us, but to all the Lodges in the North of Ireland, and that therefore we look upon his restoration to office as essential to the advantage of Masonry in Ireland.

5th. That we recommend that the office of D.G. Treasurer do cease, as we cannot see any use in such officer, as in times heretofore the Country Lodges were not acquainted with any such person or place, having always transacted all their business with the D.G. Secretary, and with whom we are willing to do all our business in future, provided such D.G. Secretary be fairly and honestly appointed, and not through the influence or as the *tool* of any faction or party.

6th. That if the Grand Lodge of Ireland does not attend to these our representations, we will call upon our Brethren in the North of Ireland and establish a Provincial G.L. under whose controul alone we are determined to live.

7th. That a copy of these our Resolutions be transmitted to the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, and another to the D.G. Secretary to be laid before the Grand Lodge.

Signed by order,

WM. RICHARDSON, Chairman.

At Enniskillen the four following resolutions were unanimously agreed to:

1st. That it appears to us that the measures lately proposed respecting certain orders of Masonry are unwarrantable innovations, infringing on ancient inviolable

rights, and calculated in their nature to disturb the harmony which should subsist among the brethren at large.

2nd. That we believe those innovations and the new, chimerical, complex, and oppressive systems of finance, originated in the love of exclusive power, and in a desire to create emolument to the now no longer necessary office of D.G. Treasurer, and that we consider them the cause of the dissensions which have lately convulsed the Grand Lodge, which we cannot behold without the deepest sorrow.

3rd. That we sincerely regret the dismissal of Brother G. D. Irvine, Esq., from the office G. Secretary; well acquainted with his private virtues, and his great and hereditary love of the Brethren and of genuine Masonry, we regarded his continuance in office a secure barrier against those dangerous novelties which, if established, must separate the Country Lodges from the Grand Lodge, and greatly injure the Masonic Institution.

4. That we pledge ourselves to one another and to all Blue Master Masons, Royal Arch Masons and Knights Templars, that we will employ our best exertions in forwarding such measures as may restore the regulations of the Craft to their former simple, pure, and admirable footing, and prevent factious, covetous, and ambitious men from disturbing the tranquility of the Grand Lodge in future.

CHRISTOPHER HAMILTON,
Chairman.

The "copy of said Transactions marked B" is a pamphlet of 26 pages octavo, entitled "Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Ireland on Thursday June 5, 1806, To which are added certain charges preferred by Brother Cesar Gautier, P.M. of 620, against John Boardman, Esq., G.T., and Alexander Jaffray, Esq., D.G.M., with the evidence given thereon before the Committee to which the same were referred. Now first published by order of the Grand Lodge."

As the contents of this pamphlet cannot well be given in their entirety in the columns of the *Freemason*, I must content myself with a brief summary on the present occasion. It is quite evident that the Northern invaders carried everything in conformity with their own desires, by the force of numbers, seeing which the Deputy Grand Master closed the Grand Lodge, and retired at an early stage of the proceedings. Whereupon the country brethren appointed two Chairmen and Wardens from their own ranks, and re-opened the Grand Lodge. The several memorials were then read, and the transactions of the previous meeting, so far as they related to the election of Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, were rescinded. Altogether about 35 resolutions were passed evidently with very little discussion and with perfect unanimity, one of them being "That the Grand Secretary be restored to that precedence which he had previous to the 5th day of August, 1801, and which is his undoubted right." It would appear from this that the order of precedence had been altered, but I can find no evidence to justify this assumption, on the contrary, in lists of the Grand Lodge Officers of Ireland dated 4th January, 1798, and 24th June, 1801, the Grand Secretary is placed next after the Grand Treasurer, as is the case in several subsequent lists issued prior to 1806. However, the resolution last quoted was followed by two others, viz.: "That Brother Gorges D'Arcy Irvine be now elected Grand Secretary, pursuant to the unanimous wish of the Brethren, as expressed in their several memorials."

"That Brother Peter Digges Latouche be elected Grand Treasurer; and that the money and securities belonging to the Order be forthwith lodged in the Bank of Messrs. Latouche & Co." It will thus be seen that the position of these two officers was transposed by the Ulster brethren, and in this order their names are printed in the circulars subsequently issued by that body.

The document mentioned in the memorial as "marked D," is a folio sheet printed by R. Gibson, and headed "GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND, Thursday, October the 2d, 1806, The Right Worshipful Brother David Bell, Master of No. 2 in the Chair." It is signed G. D. Irvine, Grand Sec. of Ireland. At first sight this circular would appear to have emanated from the regular Grand Lodge, whereas a perusal of it reveals the fact that it is merely an attempt to justify the conduct of those who, for the time being, had usurped the functions of the constituted authorities. It is apparently a reply to a similar circular issued by the "Committee of the Grand Lodge of Ireland," bearing date Friday, 25th July, 1806, in which the late disturbances in the Grand Lodge are duly set forth and commented upon, of course, from the Dublin point of view, and accompanied by various resolutions from 10 of the metropolitan lodges, condemnatory of the proceedings of the Northern brethren on the 5th June, and approving the conduct of the Deputy Grand Master.

The paper referred to as "marked E," is a printed memorial to the Grand Master, dated 16th July, 1806, from the following military lodges, viz.: Nos. 300, Cavan Militia; 389, 18th Light Dragoons; 570, 5th Dragoon Guards; 865, Donegal Militia; 935, Wexford Militia; and 982, 48th Regiment. It contains the names of the Masters and Wardens of the respective lodges mentioned, and its purport is seemingly to direct the attention of the Earl of Donoughmore to the misconduct of the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Boardman, and some of their friends who ordered the complainants to withdraw from the Grand Lodge after the D.G.M. had summoned them to attend. It is asserted that the officers named used "most opprobrious, insulting, and provoking language" to them, and also questioned their right to vote as Masons.

The paper marked F. is a printed folio sheet apparently issued by the regular Grand Lodge, it is by far the most interesting document I have met with in this connection, and as an example of cool audacity and boundless assurance it would be extremely hard to beat; indeed, I think it too good to be either omitted or abbreviated, and shall, therefore, ask the editor of the *Freemason* to try and find space for it *verbatim*. I may, however, premise that Taylor's Hall, Back Lane, had been the home of the Grand Lodge of Ireland for many years prior to 1807.

Grand Lodge of Ireland.

TAYLORS HALL, BACK-LANE.

Thursday, March 2d, 1807.—Grand Lodge in due Form

IT was Resolved that Brother John Boardman, G. Treasurer, be ordered to attend this Grand Lodge, on Thursday the 17th Day of May next, ON PAIN OF EXCLUSION, and shew cause why he has not deposited the Money and Securities belonging to the Fund of Charity, in the Bank of Messrs. Latouche, as directed by the Grand Lodge Resolution of the 3d of July last.

It was Resolved, that Brother John Leech, late G. Secretary, and Brother William F. Graham, once D. G. Treasurer, be ordered to attend on the same Night, ON PAIN OF EXCLUSION, and shew cause why they have presumed to issue Counterfeit Certificates, purporting to be Certificates of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

Thursday, May 7.—Grand Lodge in Ample Form.

Service of the above Notices being proved on the above John Boardman, John Leech, and William F. Graham, and they not having appeared in pursuance thereof; and it being clearly ascertained that they were guilty of the respective Charges alleged against them—IT WAS RESOLVED, that the said JOHN BOARDMAN, JOHN LEECH, and W. F. GRAHAM, BE EXCLUDED from all the Rights and Benefits of Freemasonry, and that such Exclusion, authenticated by the Grand Lodge Seal, be transmitted to the several Lodges in Ireland.

Monday, May 11, 1807.—(By Adjournment.)

GRAND LODGE MET,

(The Right Worshipful Brother WADE, P. D. G. M. in the Chair.)

The following brethren were unanimously elected G. Officers for the ensuing year: The Right Worshipful and Right Hon. RICHARD, Earl of DONOUGHMORE, G. M.

The Right Worshipful and Right Hon. JOHN, Baron HUTCHINSON, S. G. W.

The Right Worshipful the Right Hon. SOMERSET, Earl of BELMORE, J. G. W.

The Worshipful G. D'ARCY IRVINE, Esq. G. S.

The Worshipful P. DIGGES LATOUCHE, Esq. G. T.

IT was unanimously Resolved, that the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to our much respected Brethren, Joseph Rolleston, John Fowler, James Henry Cottingham, Thomas Aiken, and William Kelly, Esqrs. for the highly honourable discharge of the Duty intrusted to them by the Resolution of the 3d of July last, and their strenuous exertions in behalf of the Order.

It was Resolved, that the following Communication be made to all Lodges acting under the Sanction of the Grand Lodge of Ireland:

The Grand Lodge of Ireland has heard with surprise and indignation, that John Boardman, John Leech, and W. F. Graham, (being excluded Masons) in conjunction with some others, now under suspension from the Privileges or Exercise of Freemasonry, usurping the name and the authority of the Grand Lodge, have re-affirmed the preposterous idea of issuing Warrants in the Degrees of R. A. and K. T. Masonry, as if in the name of this Grand Lodge, contrary to the unanimous Resolution of the 5th Day of June last, Brother Alexander Jaffray, then Deputy Grand Master, in the Chair. It therefore Resolves, that any Warrant on the Registry of Ireland, which shall countenance such illegal Measure, or take out such Warrant, shall, on proof thereof, be suspended.



Signed by Order,

G. D. IRVINE,

G. Sec. of Ireland.

Printed by Brother R. Gibson.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Comp. W. W. B. Beach, Grand J., acted as M.E.G.Z.; Comp. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Superintendent Essex, as G.H.; Comp. the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, G. Superintendent Cheshire, as G.J.; Comp. E. Letchworth, G.S.E.; Comp. Baron de Perrieres, acting as G.S.N.; Comp. the Rev. H. R. Cooper Smith, as G.P.S.; Comp. Maj.-Gen. Crossland Hay, as 1st A.G.S.; Comp. Sir George D. Harris, as 2nd A.G.S.; and Comps. Thomas Fenn, J. C. Parkinson, Col. Townley Caldwell, Aid. Frank Green, Hy. Smith, W. F. Smithson, R. Clay Sudlow, Dr. Strong, C. F. Hogard, H. J. P. Dumas, Frank Richardson, Robert Grey, Rudolph Glover, T. Hastings Miller, Col. George Lambert, P. A. Nairne, Eugene Montenuis, J. E. Le Feuvre, Dr. Ralph Gooding, Gen. Randolph, W. G. Lemon, C. H. Driver, Richard Eve, C. E. Keyser, and Frederick West were among the other companions present.

The minutes of the November convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. Lord Alfred Spencer Churchill, who was appointed last May as Grand Scribe N., and had not been able to be present on that occasion or since, being in attendance, was invested by the Acting M.E.Z., and conducted to his seat of G. Scribe N.

On the motion of Comp. ROBERT GREY, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, the following report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 19th October, 1892, to the 17th January, 1893, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter £133 13 10		By Disbursements during the Quarter	
" Unappropriated	...	" Balance	£313 0 6
" Account	223 9 10	" Unappropriated	257 1 6
" Subsequent Receipts..	425 15 8	" Account	212 17 4
£782 19 4		£782 19 4	

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:

1st. From Comps. William Standford, as Z.; George Brittain, as H.; Neil Mackay, as J.; and 12 others, for a chapter to be attached to the Albion Lodge, No. 2220, Woodstock, South Africa, to be called the Albion Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Woodstock, South Africa (Western Division).

2nd. From Comps. the Rev. Charles William Barnett Clarke, M.A., as Z.; John Bolland Wheelwright, as H.; John Hyde Beresford, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Woodstock Lodge, No. 2379, Woodstock, South Africa, to be called the Woodstock Chapter, and to meet at Masonic Rooms, Woodstock, South Africa (Western Division).

3rd. From Comps. J. Saunders, as Z.; John O'Donoghue, as H.; Bentley Swinden, as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Acacia Lodge, No. 876, Monte Video, to be called the Acacia Chapter, and to meet at No. 215, Calle San José, Monte Video, Uruguay, South America.

4th. From Comps. Samuel Cochrane, as Z.; John Wyer, as H.; John Wm. Folkard, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Duke of Fife Lodge, No. 2345, Clapham Common, to be called the Duke of Fife Chapter, and to meet at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, London.

5th. From Comps. Samuel Slack, as Z.; George Henry Locking, as H.; William Mathers, as J.; and 14 others for a chapter to be attached to the St. Oswald Lodge, 910, Pontefract, to be called the St. Oswald Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Pontefract, in the Western Division of Yorkshire.

6th. From Comps. Felix Henry Gottlieb, Past Grand Standard Bearer, as Z.; Robert Douglas Hewett, as H.; James Ruthven Macfarlane, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Perak Jubilee Lodge, No. 2225, Taiping, Perak, to be called the Perak Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Taiping, Perak, Malay Peninsula.

7th. From Comps. Michael Arthur McInerney, as Z.; Henry Gardiner, as H.; Alfred Molony, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Warrant Officers Lodge, No. 2346, London, to be called the Warrant Officers Chapter, and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, London.

8th. From Comps. William Ernest Dring, as Z.; John Glass, as H.; Robert Martin, as J.; and 10 others for a chapter to be attached to the Chigwell Lodge, No. 453, Chingford, to be called the Chigwell Chapter, and to meet at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, in the County of Essex.

9th. From Comps. Clement Vincent Haworth, as Z.; Herbert Andrew, as H.; James Bottomley, as J.; and nine others, for a chapter to be attached to the Clemency Lodge, No. 2341, Oldham, to be called the Unity Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham, in the Eastern Division of Lancashire.

10th. From Comps. William Alfred Scurrah, as Z.; Henry Longman, as H.; Harry Robert Graham, as J.; and seven others, for a chapter to be attached to the St. Pancras Lodge, No. 2271, London, to be called the St. Pancras Chapter, and to meet at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, London.

11th. From Comps. Major Thomas William Richardson, as Z.; Robert Anthony Gowan, as H.; Robert Roy, as J.; and seven others, for a chapter to be attached to the King Solomon Lodge, No. 2029, London, to be called the King Solomon Chapter, and to meet at the Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London.

The foregoing petitions, being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also to report that they have received a memorial from the Principals and members of the Royal Burmah Chapter, No. 832, Rangoon, Burma, praying for a charter of confirmation, the original charter being in such a dilapidated state through damp as to be scarcely legible.

The Committee recommend that a charter of confirmation be granted to the above-named chapter.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a memorial from the companions of the Domatic Chapter, No. 177, London, praying for a charter authorising them to wear a centenary jewel in accordance with the Royal Arch Regulations, Rule 102.

The memorial being in form, and the chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

The Committee have further received memorials, with copies of minutes, for permission to remove the following chapters:—

Sacred Delta Chapter, No. 216, from the Masonic Hall, to the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.

The Yarrow Chapter, No. 554, from the Green Dragon, Stepney, to the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, in the City of London.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the above requests, recommend that the removal of these chapters be sanctioned.

The application of the Royal Edward Chapter, No. 604, Lyttleton, Canterbury, N.Z., which had seceded from its allegiance to the Grand Chapter of England, and is now working under the so-called Grand Chapter of New Zealand, for permission to retain possession of its charter, and which was referred back to the Committee of General Purposes for further consideration at the last convocation of Grand Chapter, was further considered by the Committee, who recommend that the application be not granted.

The Committee, taking into consideration the proposed increase in the number of Grand Officers of Grand Lodge, and being of opinion that the Officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter should be increased to a similar extent, recommend:—

That, subject to the confirmation of the minutes of the last Grand Lodge, an addition be made to the Grand Officers appointed by the Most Excellent the First Grand Principal, by the appointment of a Deputy Grand Registrar, to rank immediately after the Grand Registrar, a Deputy Grand Sword Bearer, two additional Grand Standard Bearers, two additional Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies, and that the same take effect after the confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of Grand Chapter, in the month of May next.

That, in Provinces and Districts numbering 40 lodges and upwards, the Grand Superintendents shall be empowered to appoint, annually, two additional Provincial or District Grand Standard Bearers. In Provinces and Districts numbering 70 lodges and upwards, the Grand Superintendents shall be empowered to appoint two additional Provincial or District Grand Standard Bearers, and two additional Provincial or District Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies. In Provinces and Districts numbering 100 lodges and upwards, the Grand Superintendents shall be empowered to appoint a Provincial or District Deputy Grand Registrar, a Provincial or District Deputy Grand Sword Bearer, two additional Provincial or District Grand Standard Bearers, and two additional Provincial or District Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies, and that the Grand Superintendents of Provinces or Districts be empowered to appoint such Provincial or District Grand Chapter Officers at the first meeting for the annual appointment of officers for the several Provincial and District Grand Chapters after the confirmation of the minutes of Grand Chapter.

The following chapters having exalted candidates before the expiration of 12 months from the dates of raising, in violation of Rule 73 of the Book of Royal Arch Regulations, the Committee ordered the candidates to be re-obligated, and the chapters to be severely reprimanded.

The Vale of Jehosaphat Chapter, No. 291, Highbridge, Somersetshire.

The Clapton Chapter, No. 1365, London.

The Segontium Chapter, No. 606, Carnarvon.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
18th January, 1893.

On the motion of Comp. ROBERT GREY, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, all the recommendations, including the removals of chapters, were carried.

Comp. ROBERT GREY, with reference to the application of the Royal Albert Edward Chapter, No. 604, Lyttleton, Canterbury, New Zealand, said this matter was referred back on the last occasion to the Committee of General Purposes, and as the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was not recognised by Grand Lodge of England, neither was the Grand Chapter of New Zealand recognised by Grand Chapter. He therefore moved that this chapter be not allowed to retain possession of their charter.

Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON seconded the motion, which was then put and carried.

The ACTING M.E.G.Z. said the next resolution was proposed in consequence of the increase in the number of Grand Officers by Grand Lodge, and it was thought, not unjustly, that Grand Chapter required some addition to those who held office. It was also thought that in some Prov. Grand Chapters some increase might be required in the offices which were held. The resolutions on the paper were different resolutions, and he thought they should be kept separate. As regarded the first, there was no doubt about the advisability of granting the additional offices that were recommended, and he would ask the Grand Scribe E. to read the first recommendation.

This having been read, it was seconded by Comp. Philbrick, and carried.

The ACTING M.E.G.Z. said that with reference to the second resolution he had this suggestion to make. The proposition was that the increase of officers in Provincial Grand Chapters should be dependent on the number of lodges in the province. Now, he did not think that was quite a fair way in which to look upon it. There might be a province with many lodges but few chapters in comparison. There might be another province where the lodges and the chapters bore a more equal proportion, and he thought the number of officers should be dependent on the number of chapters in a province rather than on the number of lodges. Therefore he would suggest that the Committee of General Purposes should make such an alteration in their recommendation as would carry that into effect, and he would move that the Committee of General Purposes make the alteration in the second resolution, so as to make the number of the Provincial Grand Officers in Provincial Grand Chapter dependent on the number of chapters in the province.

Comp. PHILBRICK, Q.C., G. Reg., seconded. It was quite certain it would not disturb Masonry in a province if it were made dependent on the number of chapters instead of on the number of lodges. But he quite agreed, having seen somewhat of the work of Provincial Grand Chapters, that it would be a mistake to regulate the right or status of any companions who wished for office in Provincial Grand Chapter by the number of lodges in the province where the proportion of chapters was not what it should be to the number of lodges. The Royal Arch was the cope-stone of the Craft, and if a province worked up the Royal Arch, the additional number of officers might be an encouragement to the increased working of the Royal Arch Degree.

Comp. ROBERT GREY said the Committee of General Purposes would be ready to fall in with the views expressed in Grand Chapter.

Comp. THOMAS FENN asked to be allowed to suggest that the whole of the questions be referred back to the Committee of General Purposes. The resolution confined itself more to the number of chapters.

The ACTING M.E.G.Z. said he was quite willing to fall in with the idea.

The motion was carried.

Comp. H. J. P. DUMAS said the amended resolution would not be ready for the next meeting in May.

Comp. PHILBRICK said it would not affect the provinces. Most of them would be meeting later.

The ACTING M.E.G.Z. said he understood there was no further business before Grand Chapter, but he wished to make one suggestion. There was one matter in Royal Arch Masonry of which he had never been quite sure what was the reason or cause for its establishment, that was the exclusion of companions who were not installed Principals from chapters during the ceremony of opening. There was no particular secret divulged during the period, and he did not know that there was particular reason for uninstalled companions being excluded during the ceremony. However, he thought it worthy of consideration, and he would ask the Committee of General Purposes to take it into consideration to see whether the present custom could not be abolished. It might make the Royal Arch chapter more popular if the companions were not excluded from the chapter during the opening.

Comp. Rev. C. W. SPENCER STANHOPE enquired whether that could not come under a suggestion of his own in his Province of Cheshire about the revision of the ritual, which he had had to stop in consequence of his official position. He thought their worthy Scribe E. knew something about it. Would it not be desirable to defer it all until the whole matter was gone into of the revision of the ritual?

Comp. THOMAS FENN said this question of the ritual of the Royal Arch had been brought before him and other companions some years ago—he believed through a law case—the question that chapters should not be open to all companions at the opening. After all it was thought better not to make an alteration. If they were going to alter the ritual of the Royal Arch they would soon alter it off the face of the earth. It would not bear it. The meaning and the object of the thing originally was that after the opening by Installed Principals, they might be properly clothed, and in a dignified position, and in their seats, when the other companions were admitted to the chapter, to salute them. This would be spoiled if the dignity of the proceedings were taken away. There was no secret divulged certainly, but he hoped Grand Chapter would be chary of making an alteration.

Comp. J. E. LE FEUVRE suggested that it was more a question of ritual than of procedure.

The ACTING M.E.G.Z. said he did not make a formal motion on the subject, but he thought it was for the Committee of General Purposes to consider whether it was advisable or not. If they did not think it advisable they would not recommend it.

Comp. THOMAS FENN said the Committee might be asked to give reasons why it should be done. He had attempted to give reasons—he did not say he had proved that his reason was a correct one. He had seen himself, in writing, a communication made to the Duke of Sussex at the time the ritual was adopted in 1834, and it was strictly laid down that the proceedings should be that which was adopted at the present day. The object to his mind was evidently the one he had given, viz., that the Principals of the chapter should appear in a dignified position when the companions were admitted to salute them.

Comp. C. N. M'INTYRE NORTH, 1275, thought, as a young member of Supreme Grand Chapter, that what they would have to consider would be not an alteration of the ritual. With the various workings since 20 or 30 years ago it had got slightly mixed. If the members of Grand Chapter would take the meaning of the thing in the chapter, they would find that the ritual would satisfy any reasonable enquirer. They might consider whether some of the explanation given was any explanation at all.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

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The following communications, amongst others, unavoidably stand over:

CRAFT LODGES.—Royal Sussex, No. 75; Industry, No. 186; Euphrates, No. 212; United Pilgrims, No. 507; Westbourne, No. 733; Priory, No. 1000; Joppa, 114; Hemming, No. 1512; Coleridge, No. 1750; and Duke of Connaught, No. 1834.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.—Pattison, No. 913.
MARK LODGES.—Old York (T.L.); Moore, No. 146; Sir Francis Burdett, No. 181; and Nene, No. 227.
Consecration of the Tuscan Mark Lodge, No. 454.

Our usual reports of lodges of instruction are still crowded out, but they will appear next week, and we trust it will not be necessary in future to omit these items of Masonic news, which appear to be of interest to so many of our readers.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1893.

Masonic Notes.

There is not, as a rule, much in the proceedings of Supreme Grand Chapter to attract notice; but on Wednesday the agenda was an unusually full one. Firstly, there was an array of as many as 11 chapters to which warrants were recommended by the Committee of General Purposes to be granted. Then the said Committee recommended that there should be an increase in the number of Grand, Provincial Grand, and District Grand Officers appointed annually, to correspond with the increase in Grand, Provincial Grand, and District Grand Officers which has been recently sanctioned by Grand Lodge. Lastly, the Acting Grand Z.—Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Grand J.—called attention to the question of the exclusion from the ceremony of opening of a chapter of 'all companions but such as were Installed Principals. A discussion on this point followed, which will doubtless prove interesting to our readers.

We are delighted to find that the Board of Stewards for the approaching festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is becoming rapidly stronger in point of numbers. Last week we were able to report that the Board was not far short of 160, now it is 175, and there are still three weeks in which to swell the number.

We are also delighted to hear that Hertfordshire notwithstanding its supreme effort at the Benevolent Jubilee, in February, 1892, is determined to give Bro. Keyser all the support in its power. A Province which has 21 lodges on its roll, and raised £2000 in 1892, cannot be expected to do very much in 1893, but it is bestirring itself, and the chances are in favour of every lodge sending up a Steward.

The annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement is fixed for Friday, the 24th inst., and our advertising columns contain, this week, a full list of Stewards. It seems almost superfluous to refer again to the good work done in connection with the "High School" of London Masonry, but it would be ungenerous not to express, when opportunity offers, our appreciation of its efforts to maintain and perpetuate the purest and best form of Masonic working. We

would remind our readers that the date of the festival will be convenient for Provincial visitors who are attending the festival of the R.M.B.I., to be present also at what we feel sure will be an interesting gathering.

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In the few remarks we made last week with reference to the lamented death of Bro. Col. Marmaduke Ramsay, and the services he had rendered to Freemasonry, we should have mentioned that, at the time of his death he was not only District Grand Master of Craft Masonry and G. Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons in Malta, but also that he was District Grand Master for the Mediterranean, Provincial Prior for the Mediterranean in the Order of the Temple, and Chief Intendant-General of Malta and Tunis in the Order of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine. He had likewise taken the 32° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

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It must be very gratifying to all those brethren who have worked so well with Grand Secretary Bro. D. Murray Lyon, to note the immense strides made of late years by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, especially in relation to its Benevolent Fund. Nine annuities of £10 each were voted on the 12th January last, so we find from the interesting report now published.

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There are now three annuities of £20 each, five of £15 each, and 104 of £10 each (three having recently lapsed), making the total £1175 nett annually. This is a good change from the old *regime*, when there was literally nothing for anyone, and when Scottish Benevolence was but a name. Happily, now it is on a different footing, for which we heartily congratulate all concerned, especially the hard-working and able Grand Secretary.

Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

THE DESTRUCTIVE EARTHQUAKES AT ZANTE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have this moment received the following telegram from the Star of the East Lodge, No. 880, Zante:

"Continuous destruction, earthquakes, half inhabitants houseless, town and country, appeal all lodges through you for immediate assistance. Remit collections by wire through Ionian Bank."

I shall be deeply grateful if through the medium of your columns you will kindly let it be known that I shall be happy to receive on behalf of the sufferers by the calamitous visitation donations from lodges or brethren.

"The Star of the East Lodge" is composed of a very highly respectable body of brethren, who may safely be entrusted with the distribution of the fund.

Perhaps you would not object to acknowledge in your columns the subscriptions I may receive.—Yours fraternally.

EDWARD LETCHWORTH,

Grand Secretary's Office, Grand Secretary.
February 3rd.

[We readily comply with the request of the Grand Secretary.—Ed. F.M.]

Masonic Notes and Queries.

1023] AN OLD LODGE.

I understand that the warrant of the old lodge at Biggar, Scotland, is an offshoot of a still older one at Louthgow. The former is considered to have been started without any actual authority on December 27th, 1725. The charter was granted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, October, 1786, as from the year 1725. It is said that the two "St. Clair Charters" of early 17th century were found in the old chest belonging to this lodge. Full particulars of Freemasonry in Biggar of early last century would be a boon. *Who will volunteer for this service?*

W. J. H.

1024] OFFICERS' COLLARS.

I desire to draw attention to the frequent violation of Rule 308 of the "Book of Constitutions," 1888. The collars of officers of lodges are to be worn *only* in their own lodges, "or when representing their lodges as Masters or Wardens in the Grand Lodge, or in their Provincial or District Grand Lodges." It is clear, therefore, that on officers of a lodge visiting other lodges they should not wear their collars, and that at Provincial Grand Lodges they ought not to wear any, unless Masters or Wardens. Past Masters may wear their collars at all Masonic meetings, in accordance with Rule 306A.

KENT.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Lodge of Israel (No. 205).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 24th inst., at Cannon-street Hotel, Bro. Maurice Bash, W.M., in the chair. There was a very large attendance of members of the lodge and visitors. Among those present were: Bros. A. Bassington, P.M.; H. J. Phillips, P.M.; M. I. Emanuel, P.M.; S. Jacobs, P.M.; S. Dancyger, P.M.; John A. Gartley, P.M.; S. W. Harris, P.M.; E. H. Norden, P.M.; J. P. Cohen, P.M.; and C. F. Hogard, P.M., and Sec. The visitors included Bros. N. Gluckstein, P.M. 51; F. Rosedale, W.M. 1017; A. Rosenfeld, W.M. 185; L. A. Da Costa, P.M. 1349; B. Da Costa, P.M. 1349; Eschwege, P.M. 1349; H. Garrard, W.M. 188; E. W. King, 1445; J. Oxley, P.M. 1306; A. F. Gaspard, W.M. 1668, P.M. 888; W. Wright, 1897; N. Power, 2265; J. Leach Barrett, P.M. 1212; John R. Reef, S.W. 2241; A. H. Marks, I.G. 1563; C. E. Goodfellow, 907; J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; F. S. Rosenthal, 1660; W. T. Massey, 160; H. Chetham, 1017; and Boothroyd.

After Bro. Joseph Levey, the W.M. elect, had been installed into the chair of K.S., a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Maurice Bash for the admirable manner he had carried out his work during the past year. Bro. Bash replied in suitable terms, and thanked the brethren for the trust they had reposed in him, and assured them that he would do all in his power to further the interests of the Israel Lodge. Bro. Levey appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Maurice Bash, I.P.M.; I. H. Gluckstein, S.W.; B. Marcus, J.W.; Abraham Mark Cohen, P.M., Treas.; C. F. Hogard, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; J. Dancyger, S.D.; John Berlyn, J.D.; H. M. Harris, P.M., D.C.; Jas. Noble Smith, I.G.; Isaac Rosalky, A.D.C.; and George Lichtenfeld and Joseph Marcus, Stewards. The following brethren were appointed a Committee to carry out arrangements for the celebration of the centenary of the lodge, which takes place on the 21st of May next: The W.M., S.W., J.W., Treasurer, Secretary, Bros. H. J. Phillips, P.M.; J. A. Gartley, P.M.; G. Lichtenfeld, and J. E. Blank.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, at the conclusion of which the W.M. briefly gave the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. Grand Master," and "The M.W. Pro Grand Master."

The toasts having been cordially received, The Worshipful Master proposed "The R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and coupled with it the names of Bros. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., and C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.

Bro. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., thanked the W.M. for coupling his name with the toast, and assured the brethren he appreciated the compliment.

Bro. Hogard said the brethren had heard his voice so many times, that they would not expect him to say much. The Grand Officers were very proud to do anything for the Order, and when they were appointed Grand Officers it gave them an incentive to further work.

In proposing the toast of "The Worshipful Master," Bro. Bash, I.P.M., said he did so with a great amount of enthusiasm. The manner in which the W.M. had done his work in the lodge that evening would show them what an efficient Master they had that year.

The W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the way they had drunk his health. He had no doubt that he should have a successful year, and the 10 initiates whose names were handed in that evening augured well. He hoped, however, that the finish would be as good as the commencement. He would promise them he would endeavour to do his very best for the lodge, and he hoped to discharge his duties with credit to himself, and satisfaction to the brethren.

The toast of "The Lodge of Israel Benevolent Fund" was responded to by Bro. Abraham Mark Cohen, P.M., who appealed to the benevolence of the brethren, and especially the younger ones, to add to the fund. During the evening the members of the lodge subscribed over £22.

"The Visitors," proposed in able terms by the W.M., was responded to by Bro. Garrard, W.M. of the Joppa Lodge, who, on behalf of his lodge, thanked the brethren for the welcome accorded to him. It was, he said, the goodly custom of inviting the Masters of the sister lodges on each of their installations, and he hoped the custom would not die out. It was his first visit to the lodge, although on previous occasions he had been invited, but could not be there.

Bros. Oxley and B. Da Costa also replied in suitable terms.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Installing Master and the Past Masters," and congratulated Bro. Bash on the manner he had carried out his duties during the past year.

Bro. Bash, I.P.M., was pleased to hear he had given satisfaction during his year of office, and would be glad to do anything for the lodge. Moreover, he felt highly honoured to have his name coupled with the Past Master's.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary and other Officers of the Lodge" was responded to by the Treasurer and Senior Warden, and the Tyler's toast brought a most successful evening to a close.

During the evening there was a choice programme of music, under the direction of Bro. Wright, P.P.G. Org. Middx., assisted by Miss Sadi Grossmith, Mrs. Littaur, Miss R. Rose, Miss Frances Littaur, Bro. Curtis D'Alton, and Bro. Eschwege.

Great Northern Lodge (No. 1287).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on the 19th ult. There was a numerous attendance of members and visitors, and the interesting proceedings were characterised by heartiness and cordiality. The progress made by this

lodge must indeed be gratifying to every member, and especially to Bro. Samuel Webb, P.M., who was the first W.M., and who has for many years occupied the position of Treasurer. The members present included Bros. Geo. Flint, W.M.; Frank Osborne, S.W.; G. Ridout, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Rose, P.M., Chap.; S. Webb, P.M., Treas.; W. Cleghorn, P.M., Sec.; J. Bastow, S.D.; C. Davis, J.D.; A. C. Doughty, I.G.; C. Kempton, P.M., D.C.; T. G. Doughty and H. T. Reed, P.M., Stewards; E. Lancaster, P.M.; T. Owen, P.M.; R. Cane, P.M.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.M.; J. Edgar, P.M.; J. Paul, P.M.; H. Bell, P.M.; G. Scorman, and many others. Visitors: Bros. C. E. Skull, 1501; E. Crover, S.W. 127; W. Carpenter, S.D. 1567; C. J. Plucknett, 1185; G. F. Bastow, 1185; W. Dee, 1693; H. Kempton, 442; R. Pain Walkder, S.D. 1366; R. T. Palmer, W.M. 1732; J. Hart, P.M. 193; E. Magness, 193; A. Kenningham, 1706; J. W. Ross, 511; W. E. Wellby, W.M. 538; W. Jennison, 173; W. G. Ross, 1534; W. Wood, P.M. 193; F. Ricardo, 1426; J. Baker, 1112; E. Angel, J.W. 2098; O. Bowen, 2395; T. W. Fisher, S.D. 192; W. F. Wilkinson, 742; M. Angel, S.W. 2398; R. Baker; H. B. Mines, J.W. 180; C. Wheeler, 1329; A. Banks, J.W. 2308; G. Callingham, 1765; T. C. Arlean, 1305; W. Willey, P.M. 9; A. F. Harris, 2148; T. G. Jeffery, 2148; W. Smith, 1624; F. Bevan, 170; J. Lonsdale, P.P.A.G.D.C. Middlesex; and W. W. Lee, W.M. 2381.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, and two candidates initiated. Bro. H. Bell, P.M., then assumed the chair, and installed Bro. Frank Osborne as W.M. in a highly creditable and impressive manner. The following officers were invested: Bros. G. Ridout, S.W.; J. Bastow, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Rose, P.M., Chap.; S. Webb, P.M., Treas.; W. Cleghorn, P.M., Sec.; C. Davis, S.D.; A. C. Doughty, J.D.; C. Kempton, P.M., D.C.; T. G. Doughty, I.G.; H. T. Reed, P.M., and E. B. Homewood, Stewards; and J. Rawles, Tyler.

Other business of a routine nature was transacted, and the lodge was closed.

After banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, the customary toasts received hearty recognition.

Bro. G. Flint, I.P.M., said it was a very pleasing moment for him to be in a position to propose "The Health of the W.M.," for he had known Bro. Frank Osborne since his initiation in the lodge as a very good and attentive Mason who had served an apprenticeship of 10 or 11 years. Their W.M. had been an active member of Freemasonry, both as regards the Charities and in other lodges. There had been splendid Masters and good workers in the chair of their lodge which rendered it difficult for others to follow, but as Bro. Osborne had worked hard to perfect himself in the ceremonies they must consider they had a representative Master in him. Their W.M. would, in fact, uphold the dignity of the lodge to their satisfaction, and the brethren would therefore drink his health, and wish him long life and prosperity.

Bro. Frank Osborne, W.M., returned thanks, and said it was very kind of the I.P.M. to say so many kind things of him which he did not deserve, but he would endeavour to do so in the future. He would do the best he could during his year, and trusted they would have many pleasant evenings together. It was impossible for any Mason to obtain proficiency without attending lodges of instruction, and he had done so since he joined the lodge. He could say a great deal, but there was a lengthy programme, and the musical entertainment provided would be found far more interesting than any speech he could make. He again thanked them most sincerely for the great honour done him in placing him in the position of W.M. and in drinking his health.

"The Initiates" having been heartily received and responded to, "The Chaplain" was next given by the W.M.

Bro. Rev. J. H. Rose, P.M., Chap., sincerely thanked the W.M. and brethren. The present was the 11th Master under whom he had served, and he rejoiced to see that nine out of the 11 were present that evening. At all the gatherings, and the installations especially, he had always been received with the greatest kindness, and he thought he never enjoyed a gathering more than that. He could not help being reminded of certain services held in his parish for the convenience of mothers, who were told to bring the little ones if they chose, and one had curious experiences in that respect sometimes. He could not say that that gathering reminded him of a mother's meeting, but he did say that the brethren very much reminded him of those little ones. The little ones he had referred to grew up and greeted him by name in the street, and it seemed like that on the present occasion. Life was serious and earnest, and he rejoiced to find there were occasions when members of that lodge could forget the seriousness of life and assemble and unbend themselves. One rejoiced to find the members assembling like the little ones, as though they had not a single care and no thought of to-morrow. It was perfectly right it should be so. Life was serious, but that life should be joyous, and if there was one lesson in Freemasonry it was that. If times were bad they could forget it, and he believed they would go back to the seriousness of work to-morrow all the better fitted for it.

"The Visitors" was cordially given, and responded to by Bros. Palmer, W.M. 1732; Wellby, W.M. 538; J. Hart, P.M. 193; and Wood, who thanked the lodge for its profuse hospitality, and drew the attention of the brethren to the excellent lodge of instruction connected with the lodge, of which Bro. Cleghorn, P.M., is the Preceptor.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Installing and Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," and said he was very much impressed with the installation ceremony that evening. A pleasant duty devolved upon him in presenting a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Flint, I.P.M., in recognition of his services during the past year, for that brother had carried out his work to the entire satisfaction of the brethren.

Bro. Geo. Flint, I.P.M., thanked the brethren for their kindness, for the support given him during his term of office, and for the handsome jewel presented to him. Although he had not perhaps done all he might have done, he had had the lodge at heart, and had tried, and would try in the future, to do all he could for its welfare.

Bro. Saml. Webb, P.M., Treasurer, said that that was a proud occasion for him, he being the oldest Past Master and the first Worshipful Master of that lodge, to see such a large number present. They had had a pleasant and jovial evening, but he hoped not too much so, musically speaking. He was pleased to know the W.M. had had a good attendance at the festive board. He trusted that lodge would go on and prosper, as it had done in the

past. He thought there was no one who knew anything about the lodge, but would say it had been a great success. It was not for him to blow the trumpet too loud, but he hoped every Master who succeeded to the chair would be gratified with an attendance, and a successful meeting such as the W.M. had had that evening. Bro. Osborne, W.M., had every reason to be thankful, and no doubt was. It afforded him much pleasure to find the I.P.M. of the Confidence Lodge—Bro. Hart—present. He invited that brother, because he wished him to see the off-spring of the old lodge, and he thought they had done many things that would redound to the credit of that ancient lodge. Bro. Hart, I.P.M. 193, had had a good year, and although the I.P.M. of the Great Northern Lodge had not had equal success, still he had done his best, and no man could have had a better desire to attain success. The Secretary of the old Confidence Lodge was also present—Bro. Wood—who was also Secretary of four lodges of instruction, and held a very unique position. He hoped all the brethren who could possibly make it convenient to attend these lodges of instruction would do so, because there was no doubt if any Mason wished to get into the chair he must attend such lodges. He believed that no man should occupy the chair if he did not show an interest sufficiently great to attend lodges of instruction. He hoped every brother who aspired to the chair would have as good fortune as the W.M. had had that night. Bro. Flint, P.M., was going up as Steward for the Boys' School, and was desirous of taking up as large a subscription list as possible. The lodge would do its duty towards him, and he hoped the members would cordially support the Stewardship.

"The Officers" and the Tyler's toast closed what was unanimously agreed to be one of the most pleasant and successful meetings yet held by this flourishing lodge.

An exceptionally good programme of music was rendered, including two songs—"A Golden Dream" and "The Sleigh Driver"—composed by Bro. E. St. Quentin, who accompanied at the pianoforte. Amongst those who assisted were Bros. Alf. Kenningham, S. Webb, P.M., Hugh Gwynne, C. J. Plucknett, and Nelson Trueman.

Royal Savoy Lodge (No. 1744).—The installation meeting of this well-known lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly-circus—removed from Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street—on the 24th ult., and was well attended both by members and visitors, the latter numbering 41. There were present Bros. R. Ross, W.M.; Capt. C. J. Knightley, S.W.; G. Mordey, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, P.M., Treas. and acting Sec.; A. H. Cole, J.D.; H. Longman, I.G.; T. Jefferies, D.C.; J. Pratt and G. Comley, Stwds.; J. Whiting, P.M.; Tyler; J. C. Smith, P.M.; C. H. Holland, P.M.; W. A. Scurrah, P.M.; A. George, J. Fletcher, G. Thompson, A. Ramsden, J. H. Adcock, C. Wilsden, W. Jennings, J. Morris, G. Rice, W. W. Langley, E. Waymouth, A. B. Fox, W. Bowen, G. Sillick, H. Davey, J. M. Ellison, C. P. Coles, W. Baker, F. Nizon, J. Bishop, F. J. Walker, J. W. Harwood, R. T. West, and others. The visitors were Bros. F. Douglas-Norman, 172; F. Marshall; W. J. Mansell, 1987; J. N. Hare, 1987; R. Chatty, 2271; H. Herbert, 1745; C. J. Scales, 1507; Edwin Storr, 167; W. Dawson, 1622; J. Loader, 1622; J. Kirby, 1622; F. Tomlin, 1360; A. A. Wethen, 404; J. Thomas, P.M. 753; J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B., P.P.S.G.W. Derby; W. J. Lovegrove, P.M. 1295; Jas. Stephens, P.M. 177; R. Douglas Smith, W.M. 27; W. J. Mason, P.M. 2150; J. Irvine, P.M. 862; A. H. Scurrah, W.M. 2206; G. H. Stansall, 2206; W. A. Perry, W.M. 101; W. Binnie, P.M. 1237; J. Roach, P.M. 1579; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543; R. Wake, W.M. 1772; W. Bradford, S.W. 862; J. H. Pullen, W.M. 1622; B. Kauffman, P.M. 1732; J. Garrod, P.M. 754; J. M. Martin, P.M. 879; J. C. Edmonds, P.M. 1507; J. Cottrell, 72; A. C. Hide, P.M. 1237; J. R. Colegrave, 1622; T. H. Thompson, P.M. 1237; J. Kilvington, P.M. 1790; E. Clark, 1732; H. Wells, W.M. 1507; and F. Sheffield, S.W. 2029.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the acting Secretary read a communication from the G. Secretary sanctioning the removal of the lodge to the Criterion. The Auditors having submitted their report on the balance-sheet, showing a substantial sum in hand, Mr. Francis Nizon was balloted for, and the ballot being unanimous, he was initiated by Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., in a most impressive manner. Bro. Capt. C. J. Knightley was then presented to the acting W.M. to receive the benefit of installation at his hands, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was installed in a highly praiseworthy manner by Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M. The following were appointed and invested as officers for the year: Bros. G. Mordey, S.W.; O. Rwigicka, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, Treas.; A. H. Cole, Sec.; H. Longman, S.D.; T. Jefferies, J.D.; W. A. Scurrah, P.M., D.C.; J. Pratt, I.G.; G. Comley, G. Thompson, and G. Rice, Stewards; J. C. Smith, P.M., Org.; and R. Whiting, P.M., Tyler. The usual addresses were ably and efficiently delivered by Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M., who at their close received quite an ovation from the members and the visitors. The first duty of the newly-installed Master was to present Bro. Ross, the I.P.M., with a jewel which had been unanimously voted by the lodge in recognition of his services in the chair, the W.M. remarking that it gave him a great pleasure to do it. Bro. Ross expressed his sincere thanks for the kind appreciation of his services, which it had been a great honour to render.

A sum having been unanimously voted to a brother who was in distress, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a superb banquet.

At the conclusion of the repast the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were cordially received.

Bro. Ross, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," wished him a very happy and successful year of office. He had been associated with him in Masonry and other matters for very many years, and he was a good fellow.

The toast and the W.M. were received with great enthusiasm. He gave them his best and most sincere thanks for their kind reception, and would do his best during the next 12 months. He was proud to say that at the Audit Committee, a few nights ago, it was said that whatever he did was done well. He earnestly hoped that it would always be so, and he would endeavour to fulfil the duties of the office in a dignified but courteous manner.

The W.M. gave the next toast, "The Installing Master and Past Masters." He paid a great tribute to the excellent working of Bro. Stiles, which, he said, was

perfect. He was delighted that the installation ceremony had been witnessed by such a good number, who, he felt sure, admitted that they had never seen better working. The members of the lodge were more than proud to have such a member as Bro. Stiles. He had done everything for Masonry. He (Bro. Stiles) had been through the fire so many times that he would advise the members to copy him. He would take this opportunity of stating that Bro. Stiles was a candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer for 1894, and that he had the unanimous support of the lodge. After giving the other Past Masters a few kind words he mentioned that Bro. W. A. Scurrah had been good enough to offer him every assistance in his year of office.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, Bro. Stiles receiving marked attention.

Bro. W. M. Stiles, in reply, stated that he was counted as a modest man, and he felt that night very much the many kind things said of him. He certainly tried to do the installation ceremony as efficiently as he could, as it was more than a pleasure to install Bro. Knightley, who had described himself as one of his (Bro. Stiles's) boys. He thought he would make a good W.M., and felt sure that the lodge would prosper under his genial chairmanship. He (Bro. Stiles) appreciated the W.M. having mentioned that he was a candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer. He aspired to that office for the present year, but retired in favour of Bro. Cochran. He was supported by so many influential friends, that he ventured to think that he would be elected to that high office for 1894.

Bro. Ross, I.P.M., also replied, remarking that no one took a greater interest in Freemasonry than Bro. Stiles, who had done wonders for all the Charities.

Bro. Scurrah also replied. He was always glad to do anything for that his mother lodge, as was Bro. Stiles, who had acted as Secretary for the past few months in the absence of their late Secretary, Bro. H. Dickey, through illness. He (Bro. Scurrah) thought that the brethren should know that Bro. Stiles had a vast number of friends around him, who appreciated his generosity in giving way to Bro. Cochran, which would make his election almost a certainty.

Bro. C. J. Smith, P.M., also replied.

In giving the toast of "The Initiative," the W.M. observed that great care should be exercised in introducing new members. What was wanted was quality and not quantity. He was glad to receive Bro. Nizon, who he thought would make a good Mason.

Bro. Nizon suitably replied.

The Worshipful Master gave the toast of "The Visitors." They had a great number present, and he gave them all a hearty welcome. The members had done their best to entertain them, and he hoped they would all go away satisfied, and come again and again. He was proud to see so many Past Masters, so large an array of them had never before been seen at an installation of the lodge. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Douglas Smith, R. Wake, Arthur Scurrah, J. Stephens, E. Storr, Walter Martin, J. H. Thompson, H. Dehane, R. Loader, W. Mason, and J. H. Pullen, whom he asked to respond.

Bro. Douglas Smith, in reply, complimented the W.M., and congratulated the members on having so excellent a Master. The working of the Installing Master was perfect, and he hoped that all who were aspiring for office would do the working as witnessed that night by Bro. Stiles, who was well known in the Masonic world. The jewels he had the honour to wear were proof of his labours in the cause of Masonry.

Bro. J. H. Pullen also replied. He said that was his first visit, but he had often been invited. He was delighted with what he had seen and heard, and he complimented the W.M. on his festive bearing. He felt bound to remark that when Bro. Stiles visited his lodge, which he had done on one or two occasions, he and the members of his lodge felt honoured in having so distinguished a visitor.

Bro. R. Wake also replied. He was glad to be a visitor that night, and to bear testimony to the grand working of Bro. Stiles.

Bro. Jas. Stephens felt how unable he was to thank them for their hearty welcome and profuse hospitality. It was the first opportunity he had had of visiting the lodge, though often invited, but he should never forget the treatment he had received. Bro. Stiles, whom he had known for many years, was very energetic in everything he took in hand, and he had never met a more jocular W.M. than Bro. Knightley.

Bros. Walter Martin, Arthur Scurrah, Storr, Thompson, Dehane, Loader, and Mason also replied in suitable terms.

The W.M. gave the toast of "The Charities" coupled with the name of Bro. J. M. McLeod. He (the W.M.) had done his best to support the Charities, but for many reasons he had certainly clung to the "Boys." He also referred to the other Charities.

Bro. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B., in reply, stated that there was very little need in that lodge to advocate the Charities. He congratulated the W.M. on his well-known support of the Charities. He was at another gathering in the same building, which was a long-standing engagement, or he would have been present at the hospitable board. In eloquent terms he urged the members to support the W.M., who had consented to be Steward for the Boys, and whose list he felt sure would be one of the largest next June, and in conclusion he remarked that the lodge had in Bro. W. A. Scurrah, a member of the lodge, a good representative on the Board of Management of the Boys.

The next toasts were "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers," to which suitable responses were made. The Tyler's toast brought a very happy and pleasant evening to a close.

The musical arrangements were carried out under the able direction of Mr. Edwin Rudston, assisted by Bros. W. H. Webb, Fred. Stephens, the Montague Mandolinists, and Wilfrid Davies, who ably accompanied.

The W.M. is to be congratulated on the great success of the meeting.

Empire Lodge (No. 2108).—Another highly successful installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 24th ult., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, Bro. Edward E. Harding, W.M., presiding. There were present on the occasion Bros. Lennox Browne, P.M., Treas.; Sir John Monckton, P.G.W.; A. J. R. Trendell, C.M.G., P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; Andrew Miller, P.M.; the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.M., Past Grand Chaplain; many other members of the lodge, and the following

visitors: Bros. F. R. Harrison, 569; W. Molesworth St. Aubyn, W.M. 2369; W. E. Chapman, P.M. 2190; F. Cooper Willis, I.G. 1017; J. M. McLeod, Secretary R.M.I.B.; R. Clowes, P.G.S.B.; William Bannison, 173; Wm. Shurmer, P.M. 2374; Richard Kershaw, J.W. 2374; Sidney M. Cooke, P.M. 1872; W. G. Holloway, W.M. 1842; W. C. Jameson, 40; Henry Messenger, 340; W. Thomas, W.M. 2222; Richard Eve, P.G.T.; Gen. J. Wimburn Laurie, P.G.M. Nova Scotia; Samuel Pope, Q.C., P.G.D.; F. Ernest Pocock, M.D., Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, W.M. 1642; Perceval A. Nairne, P.M. 176, G.D.; Walter H. Harris, S.W. 57, P.G.D.C.; W. O. Vizard, 449; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619, 1928; C. Pritchard Morgan, 1; and Franco Novara, 65.

The W.M. initiated Mr. Eugene Esperance Oudin, and Bro. Lennox Browne installed Bro. Frank Jameson as W.M., who had received Masonic light at the hands of the same brother, and was the first initiate of the lodge who had reached the Master's chair. The following brethren received the collars of office: Bros. E. E. Harding, I.P.M.; Warden Dennis, S.W.; Hermann Klein, J.W.; Lennox Browne, P.M., Treas.; Charles J. Harrison, Sec.; Walter Clifford, S.D.; W. I. Shard, J.D.; Charles Moses, P.M., D.C.; A. Davidson Kemp, I.G.; Herbert Bunning, Org.; Ernest Turner, P.M., and Frederick Mellows, Stwds.; and Henry Evenden, P.M., Tyler. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. E. E. Harding. On the motion of the Treasurer, 25 guineas was voted to the Girls' School, and 10 guineas to the Boys', after which the lodge was closed, and a superb banquet partaken of.

The usual toasts followed, and the speeches were interspersed with some beautiful music and singing by Signor Novara, Miss Jessie Hudleston, Miss Isabel Rayner, and Bro. Oudin; Bros. Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O., and Hermann Klein accompanying. Miss Behnke also well rendered some recitations.

Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, replying to the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," referred to the work of the lodge on behalf of Masonic Charity, which he was glad had received another illustration that evening in the vote to the Girls' and the Boys' Schools. Masons must congratulate themselves on the successful work of the Masonic Schools. They had read in the *Daily Telegraph* that morning that the Head Governess had sent up 45 girls from the Girls' School for examination at the College of Preceptors, and everyone of them had come out with a certificate. They ought to be thoroughly satisfied with that.

Bro. Lennox Browne proposed "The Kindred Grand Lodges," for which he asked General Laurie, P.G.M., Nova Scotia, to respond.

Bro. Gen. Laurie, in reply, said he was at the consecration of the Empire Lodge in 1885, and had been present at many meetings of the lodge since. That was very gratifying to him, because one of the objects of the lodge was to bring into closer connection home and colonial brethren. They received him at first as a transient brother, but he was now a resident in London. He was not singular in that respect, for Lord Carrington was now in England, and Lord Jersey was coming home. Soon such brethren would be as thick as leaves of Vallambrosa, and these Colonial Grand Masters would be another link to bind the mother country and the Colonies together. The Imperial Institute was to be inaugurated this year, and there would be a conference of eminent statesmen, so that the lodge would have yet another opportunity of entertaining the Colonial brethren. He knew they would rise to their obligation. They should recruit their ranks, increase their numbers, and select some of the choicest material which was to be obtained from the sister Grand Lodges of the Colonies.

Bro. E. E. Harding, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." During the few years he had had the honour of belonging to the lodge he had had many pleasurable duties; but on this occasion they were eclipsed by having to propose the health of the W.M. He had been remarking that one could almost measure the flight of time by sundry installations. It was but the other day he saw Bro. Lennox Browne initiate Bro. Jameson; it was four or five years ago, and now they saw Bro. Frank Jameson in the chair of K.S. He would remind the brethren that if they would strive to work as Bro. Jameson had striven, they could soon attain the highest position. They all knew what a good Mason, and what a rare good fellow Bro. Jameson was.

The Worshipful Master said he had to thank all the brethren, and particularly the I.P.M., for the very flattering way he had spoken of him, and the brethren for the kindly way in which they had received his remarks. He was very proud indeed of the position he was now occupying as W.M. of the Empire Lodge; but in being so proud, it was only due to him to say that it was a tribute to the office of W.M. more than to himself, because he was only filling the position of W.M. by chance. There were other officers before him who broke from the rank by obtaining appointments abroad, and so caused the vacancy which he filled. As the I.P.M. observed, he (Bro. Jameson) was a very young Mason; in fact it was a very few years since he was initiated in that lodge. The only advantage he could possibly see in being W.M. was to encourage the younger members who came into the lodge to look forward to becoming Master in the same rapid manner as he had. He should be very ungrateful if he sat down without most cordially thanking his godfather in Masonry, Bro. Lennox Browne, who not only initiated him, but stood his friend, and gave him advice, and helped him materially in his Masonic working and progress. He was doubly honoured that night by being supported by his godfather and by his very dear paternal father also. He then proposed "The I.P.M. and Past Masters." With reference to the Installing Master, words failed him to express how beautifully Bro. Lennox Browne performed the ceremony of installation. The brethren, however, heard it, and they all appreciated it, but he was sure none appreciated it more than he (Bro. Jameson). He thanked Bro. Lennox Browne for the work he did, and his appreciation was enhanced by the knowledge that the time of a professional man was much occupied, and therefore, the greater praise was due to him for working up the installation, for however well the work was known, it was easily forgotten, and always required fresh study. With reference to the Past Masters, he had to thank Bro. Harding for the beautiful way in which he initiated their very charming musical brother, which he was sure deeply impressed Bro. Oudin. They were especially honoured in ranking Bro. Trendell as a Past Master of their lodge, and Bro. Sir H. Philip Cunliffe Owen.

Bro. Lennox Browne, P.M., Treas., said he had had

the greatest pleasure in installing Bro. Jameson and so completing the Masonic edifice of which he had the honour of laying the foundation-stone. As the W.M. had been told, he had had that evening conferred on him the highest honour that it was in the power of the lodge to bestow, and he (Bro. Lennox Browne) did not know that it would be possible to find a more worthy recipient. This lodge had great advantages, as in military lodges members were often called away either for personal reasons or reasons of State, but this lodge made it the rule that its members, as far as possible, took their rank for further promotion when they returned. Happily there had been no differences in this lodge. There was considerable work for any Master of this lodge, which had now been going on for nearly eight years. Only twice in that period had there not been work to do. The W.M. had also done his duty to the Charities, for within a few months of his initiation he made himself vice-patron of one of the most deserving of the Masonic Charities. He had also worked very hard in the performance of his duties as officer in each step to the chair.

Bro. E. E. Harding, I.P.M., said he had addressed the lodge in that room no less than 60 times, and he thought when he went out of the chair—"Thank God he had gone on the shelf! There is no peace for the wicked." In the last year he had initiated no less than seven brethren, and he should look with interest on the Masonic career of those brethren. He was struck with the initiate that night, and he could see that the initiate was struck with the words addressed to him.

Bro. Trendell also replied, and said he was sure the lodge was destined to go safely, straightly, and far.

Bro. Oudin, in replying to the toast of "The Initiate," said: I have taken to-night a step, perhaps falteringly, through innocence, inexperience, ignorance, the proper way to walk in this new life—a serious step, one that I have in a vague way contemplated taking for some years past. However, chance, good fortune, has delayed the hour of my happiness in that respect till this evening. There are moments when the most conventional words, those that at other times are mere colloquial expressions, have an eloquence more potent than that which is the result of the use of selected and exaggerated forms of speech. It is my privilege to-night, for the first time, to use a few of those usual commonplace words with all the fervour and all the eloquence which my nature can impart. I do consider it a tremendous privilege to address you all as brothers. I had had for some time a very vague, uncertain, and yet exalted opinion and idea of the rites accompanying even the first and initiatory steps in Masonry. We have all before being admitted, speculated more or less upon this, but I must say though I came here this evening with a heart and mind prepared for whatever should come to me, I was impressed by the dignity, the beauty, the exalted sentiments of the ceremony at which I assisted this evening in a measure, and to a point that it has never been my good fortune to experience before. I shall trust to this impression to guide me right—in the future steps I take I hope less falteringly than this evening. Referring to the commonplace words, I will say honestly I am deeply grateful from the bottom of an overflowing heart to my brothers. I thank you, and I call upon you to give me a helping hand to guide me right, and if I may only attain to the exalted rank to which I should aspire, at least a place in your hearts which I also desire. I am sorry to trespass upon you with a speech, but if you please, I will rely upon an art to which I have devoted my late years, and once more sing you a short ditty.

Bros. Dr. Pocock, Pritchard Morgan, M.P., and Moleworth St. Aubyn, W.M. 2363, responded to the toast of "The Visitors"; the Senior and Junior Wardens replied to the toast of "The Officers"; and the Tyler's toast brought the agreeable proceedings to a close.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BARNET.

Gladsnuir Lodge (No. 1355).—There was a very full attendance at the annual meeting at the Red Lion Hotel on Friday, the 27th ult., when Bro. G. Bizard Abbott, S.W., was installed as W.M. in succession to Bro. S. Tryon, Prov. G.S. of W. The chair was taken at the commencement of the proceedings by Bro. Tryon, W.M., who had been absent through serious illness; from the previous meeting in November last, and to whom therefore a most kindly welcome was accorded on this occasion. There were likewise present Bros. G. B. Abbott, S.W.; J. Britain, P.M.; P.P.G.W.; as J.W.; Charles Gray, P.M.; P.P.G.S.B.; Sec.; R. Fisher Young, P.M.; P.P.G.D.; J. P. Eusby, P.M.; P.P.G.P.; W. Lewis, P.M.; P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. W. Baxter, P.M.; P.P.G. Reg.; F. Collingwood, S.D.; R. W. Oldfield, J.D.; W. H. G. Ball, P.M.; J. G. I.G.; W. Anneveld and W. H. Marshall, Stwds.; Goddard, Tyler; Curlew, Tibbatts, F. Mason, Cranston, Ellis, G. Phillips, H. F. P. Inglis, W. Baddeley, C. H. Grimwade, W. Grimwade, Witthaus, Billson, F. Attree, Humby, and Spicer. Visitors: Bros. C. E. Keyser, J.G.D.; James Terry, P.G.S.B.; Sec. R.M.B.I.; H. B. Hodges, P.M.; P.P.G.W.; T. S. Carter, P.M. 403, P.P.G.W.; Chas. Bullock, P.M. 504, Prov. G. Sec.; W. Lake, P.M. 131, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; W. Lowndes, W.M. 504, P.G. Stwd.; Brownsword, W.M. 180; C. Hunt, P.M. 194; Anderson, P.M. 206; Heibert, W.M. 1745; Witthaus, 185; J. Probert, 340; and Dr. Haskins.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. W. Baddeley as a joining member, and proved unanimous in his favour. The sum of £5 5s. was voted as a donation to the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and Mr. Harry Dade, a candidate for initiation, was balloted for and unanimously elected. The chair was then taken by Bro. Fisher Young, P.M., and Bro. Abbott was presented and installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following were appointed and, in the majority of cases, invested as officers: Bros. F. Thompson (invested by proxy), S.W.; F. Collingwood, J.W.; W. K. Hopkin, P.M.; P.P.G.S.B. (elected), Treasurer; Charles Gray, P.M., Secretary; R. W. Oldfield, S.D.; W. H. G. Ball, J.D.; W. Anneveld, I.G.; R. F. Young, P.M., D.C.; W. Marshall, A.D.C.; Dr. Haskins, Organist; Curlew and F. Mason, Stewards; and Goddard, Tyler. The W.M. then presented his predecessor, Bro. S. Tryon, I.P.M., with the Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted him at the previous lodge, and the latter having gracefully acknowledged the gift, Bro. Hopkin, P.M., Treasurer, was elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Audit Committee, and Bro. Gray,

P.M., Sec., on the Hertfordshire Charity Association. The trustees and officers of the Gladsnuir Benevolent Fund were re-elected, and letters of regret at their inability to attend from the Prov. Grand Master and others, having been read or announced, the other business was quickly disposed of, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards dined together under the presidency of the new W.M., who was supported right and left by Bros. Keyser, Terry, Hodges, Carter, Bullock, Tryon, Gray, Young, and others, the customary speeches being interspersed with songs by Bros. Probert, Brownsword, Gray, Lewis, Mason, Cranston, and Tibbatts.

Reference was made to the fact that Bro. Keyser had undertaken to preside at the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and earnest appeals were made by that brother in lodge, and also by Bro. Terry, in response to the toast of "The Masonic Charities," to the brethren for support on that important occasion; and before the proceedings came to an end, Bro. Baxter, P.M., who will represent the lodge at the Festival, had the satisfaction of announcing that his list already amounted to not far short of 60 guineas.

A word of praise is due to the new landlord of the Red Lion Hotel—Mr. Bushell—for the very excellent menu he placed before the lodge and its guests and the attendance he provided.

GATESHEAD.

Industry Lodge (No. 48).—The regular meeting was held on Monday, the 23rd inst., when there was a full muster of members and visitors. The W.M., Bro. M. R. Wright presided, and was supported and assisted by the following brethren: Bros. W. Brown, P.M., D.C.; W. Dalrymple, P.M.; R. Whitfield, P.M.; M. Corbett, P.M.; Treas.; W. J. Jobson, S.W.; T. R. Jobson, P.M., as J.W.; Wm. Stafford, Sec.; H. Jackson, as S.D.; T. W. Bagnall, J.D.; Wm. Douglass, as I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; and Joshua Curry, Tyler. Amongst the members present were Bros. J. Robinson, F. W. Coverdale, R. Atkinson, J. Neill, W. J. Campbell, T. Smith, J. T. Fragnell, J. Lightbown, J. Henderson, W. Holzappel, C. Graham, R. Brason, R. J. Stevenson, and others. The list of visitors was a very long one, which comprised, amongst others, the names of Bros. T. Dinning, P.M. 481; J. M. Bruce, W.M. 481; J. T. Pringle, W.M. 1009; J. W. Henderson, W.M. 1970; R. Farmer, J.W. 1970; C. Tighe, Sec. 1970; L. M. Snowden, S.D. 1970; F. W. Sykes, W.M. 1342; W. Cooper, P.M. 1342; T. Wright, S.W. 1342; V. Raven, W.M. 1427; Jas. Shaw, W.M. 424; R. Stewart, J.W. 424; G. N. Patterson, P.M. 424; A. F. Ball, P.M. 2260; H. W. Dixon, Sec. 2260; J. B. Lazenby, W.M. 2260; J. N. Guy, I.G. 2260; H. Spittle, P.M. 1342; T. O. Robson, S.W. 2260; and others.

The lodge was opened, and Bros. J. Robinson, F. W. Coverdale, and R. Atkinson, having proved their efficiency, were duly passed as F.C.'s by the W.M., and Bro. J. Neill was afterwards raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. W. Brown, P.M.

The lodge was closed after an arduous night's work, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

HAZEL GROVE.

Grove Lodge (No. 1957).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Cock Inn. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. Herbert Foster, W.M., P.G.P. There was a very large attendance, owing, no doubt, to the interesting fact that Bro. C. Higginbotham's (S.W., W.M. elect) father was the founder of the lodge, and he is the second son who has occupied the chair of the lodge, his brother being a P.M. since 1886.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Treasurer's account were adopted and passed. Bro. Hy. Lomas, P.M., then took the chair as Installing Master, and appointed as his officers Bros. Wm. Booth, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., as S.W.; Andrew, I.P.M., as J.W.; and J. Slack, P.M., P.P.G.D., as I.G. Bro. Higginbotham, W.M. elect, was then duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Lomas, P.M., who performed the ceremony in his usual impressive and perfect style. Bro. James Cookson, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., presented the working tools. He also addressed the W.M. and brethren, Bro. J. Herbert Foster, I.P.M., addressing the Wardens. The officers were invested by the Worshipful Master in the following order: Bros. J. H. Foster, I.P.M.; A. F. Grundy, S.W.; A. Lomas, J.W.; J. D. Penny, Treasurer; J. W. Higginbotham, P.M., Sec.; H. P. Jones, S.D.; C. Bickerton, J.D.; J. P. Bardsley, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., D. of C.; F. Slater, I.G.; J. Jackson and E. M. Tymme, Stwds.; and John Clark, Tyler. Bro. J. H. Foster, P.M., P.A.G.P., was elected Charity Representative, and they were addressed by Bro. Bardsley, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. At the close of the business, Bro. Foster was presented with a beautiful Past Master's jewel, which had been specially designed for the occasion. Bro. J. Herbert Foster, P.M., suitably responded.

After other business and "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the numerous brethren present, the lodge was closed.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and responded to most heartily.

The speeches were all short, but to the point, and the harmony of the evening was greatly enhanced by songs and glees rendered by Bros. Mark Stafford, P.M., P.G.S.; W. Prestwich, and Wm. Booth, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Bro. G. S. Smith, P.M., acted as accompanist.

We are very pleased to think that, though the lodge has had several years of adversity, they are now in a very prosperous position, and, after handing over a considerable amount to the Charities, they have still a balance of some £25, and we wish them every success in the future.

The following were a few of the brethren present: Bros. J. H. Foster, P.A.G.P., W.M.; Henry Lomas, I.P.M.; Charles Higginbotham, S.W.; A. F. Grundy, J.W.; Albert Lomas, S.D.; H. Powell Jones, J.D.; John Clark, Tyler; J. Higginbotham, P.M.; J. Bardsley, P.P.G.S.B.; James Cookson, P.M., P.P.G.T.; Wm. Etchells, Montague Tymme, J. Jackson, F. Salter, Chas. Bickerton, and W. H. Jenkinson. Visitors: Bros. J. Armitage, W.M.; J. Slack, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. Booth, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; C. H. Andrew, P.M.; Mark Stafford, P.M., P.P.G.S.; J. B. Gemmel, Fred. Rudyard, Wm. Fielding, J.W.; C. W. Bickerton, P.M.; H. Newton, S.W.; W. N. Siebel; Geo. S. Scuttle, P.M.; and J. A. Cookson, I.G.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

Dobie Lodge (No. 889).—Wednesday, the 18th instant, was the date of the installation meeting of this lodge, but the ceremony had to be postponed until March, in consequence of the illness of Bro. Jas. Edgell, the W.M. elect. The trying effects of the weather kept others away also; but in spite of all that Bro. A. M. Levy, the W.M., opened the lodge with all his working officers save two, and was assisted by a larger number of brethren than had been looked for under the circumstances. The chair of S.W. was occupied by Bro. Montgomery, W.M. 2444; and the duties of I.G. were admirably carried out by Bro. Watkin, who was only initiated a year ago. A hearty greeting was given to Bro. Tom Wilkinson, S.D., who again attended lodge in health and strength after much suffering. On the reading of the letter from the W.M. elect, it was resolved that the sympathy of the lodge be tendered to him, with an expression of the hope that he might soon be restored to health. Bro. Arthur E. Page was raised to the Degree of M.M. with marked impressiveness. A grant of 10 guineas was made from the lodge funds to Bro. Chapman's list, as he will represent it at the Festival of the R.M.B.I. next month. Bro. Montgomery thanked the lodge for the interest displayed by its members on the occasion of the consecration of the Noel Lodge (which meets close by), and gave a cordial invitation to No. 889 to visit No. 2444.

All business ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren spent a couple of hours most pleasantly over refreshment. In addition to Bro. Montgomery, the visitors were Bros. Shelley, P.M. Arnold Lodge; Hodgkin, W.M. St. Margaret's Lodge; Pennington, and G. H. Drewett.

Noel Lodge (No. 2444).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at St. James's Hall, on the 23rd ult. Present: Bros. J. Montgomery, W.M., P.D.D.G.M. Malta; E. Lewis, S.W.; F. H. Reynolds, J.W.; G. H. Lister, S.D.; J. Hall, J.D.; G. H. Manton, Sec.; T. Chapman, as I.G.; A. Levy, as I.P.M.; J. H. Russell, J. Old, G. H. Brooker, F. W. Hullett, M. Cockle, F. G. Smith, and W. R. Cable. Visitors: Bros. Handley, P.M. 1843; Ellison, P.M. 507; Butterworth, P.M. 1604; Lane, 1638; Willis, 1638; Capt. C. W. King, 322; McFarlane, 2386; Watkins, 510, 889; Harding, 1604; Remington, 30; Deacon, 1931; and Mostyn, 153.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. A. Watkins, 889, as a joining member, which proved unanimous. Bro. Cable was then raised, which ceremony was performed in a most impressive and efficient manner by the W.M.

All Masonic business being done, the brethren adjourned for refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, the brethren spending a very pleasant evening.

LEEDS.

Excelsior Lodge (No. 1042).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, on Thursday, the 19th instant. The brethren present were Bros. J. W. Blackburn, W.M.; T. Thorp, I.P.M.; J. B. Mays, S.W.; H. Banks, J.W.; R. J. Smith, Sec.; R. Waide, S.D.; A. H. Dougill, J.D.; E. Crosby, P.M., Org.; J. E. Davenport, I.G.; G. Tooley and H. Whitfield, Stwds.; J. H. Newton, Tyler; R. Thompson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. Bingham, P.M.; H. Cowbrough, sen., P.M.; W. Grisdale, J. J. W. Saville, E. R. C. Marshall, T. Hutchinson, J. Wallace, E. R. Morley, and J. H. Gash. Visitors: Bros. H. Morton, P.M. 1522, P.P.G. Purst.; H. Archer, P.M. 1502; R. Abbott, W.M. 2069; Dilly, Green and Beanland, 1522; and D. Wedderspoon, I.P.M. 306.

The minutes of the last regular lodge having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. J. W. Dobson and J. A. Milne, who were both unanimously approved. Mr. Dobson was then admitted to the lodge and regularly initiated, the ceremony, up to the investiture, being taken by the W.M., and completed by Bro. Bingham, P.M. The initiation of Mr. Milne was then proceeded with, Bro. Thorp taking the earlier, and the W.M. the latter portion of the ceremony. The working tools were explained by Bro. Banks, J.W., and the ancient charge was delivered to the newly initiated brethren by Bro. Smith, Sec. It was resolved that a letter of sympathy should be sent to Bro. R. V. Allison, P.M., P.P.G.D., who was absent through illness. Bro. Cowbrough, P.M., gave notice of his intention at the next regular lodge to propose a vote of 20 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Propositions were made on behalf of a candidate for initiation and a joining brother.

"Hearty good wishes" having been tendered by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where the evening was concluded in the usual social and harmonious manner.

MANCHESTER.

Strangeways Lodge (No. 1219).—The installation meeting was held on Wednesday, the 25th ult., at the Old Boar's Head. There was a very large gathering of influential brethren present, including many provincial officers. Bro. J. L. Savage, W.M., presided, and opened the lodge, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the ballot was taken for a candidate for initiation, which was favourable. The balance-sheet was adopted and passed, and it proved to be very satisfactory indeed, having a large balance in the bank, and contributed to the different Charities over £175 during the last year. Bro. W. T. Schofield then took the chair, and the W.M. elect was presented to him by Bro. Savage. A Board of Installed Masters was duly constituted, and Bro. James Robinson was installed into the chair in a most impressive manner. The Installing Master presented the working tools, and Bro. Hughes, P.M., addressed the W.M.; Bro. W. B. Russell, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., the Wardens; and Bro. Schofield the brethren. The officers were invested as follows: Bros. J. L. Savage, I.P.M.; W. O. O. Wilkinson, S.W.; W. Baron, J.W.; W. T. Schofield, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; W. B. Russell, P.M., P.A.G.D. of C., Sec.; J. W. Schofield, S.D.; B. Whitam, J.D.; W. H. Carrington, I.G.; R. Hughes, P.M., D. of C.; L. H. Keay, Org.; J. Rowbottom, G. Belshaw, P. Whyman, J. Lowery, T. Maybury, and E. L. Lord, Stwds.; and James Hyde, Tyler. Bro. J. Andrew, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., was appointed Charity Representative. The officers were addressed by Bros. W. B. Russell and Schofield. The whole of the ceremony was fully musical, and had a charming effect, Bro. L. H. Heay being the Organist.

After the numerous visitors had given "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

During the evening two very handsome jewels were presented—one to the I.P.M., Bro. Savage, and the other to Bro. James Andrew for his long and faithful services as Charity Representative and Treasurer.

In doing the latter, Bro. Wm. T. Schofield, P.M., P.P. J.G.D., Treasurer, stated that he had great satisfaction in presenting to Bro. Andrew, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., a Charity jewel for his services for 17 years as Charity Representative of the lodge, and gave a very interesting account of their mutual work for the lodge during the last 20 years, and hoped that Bro. Andrew might be long spared to wear that beautiful jewel, and to represent the lodge as Charity Representative.

Amidst many tokens of approval from the members, Bro. Schofield fixed the jewel on Bro. Andrew's breast.

Bro. Andrew, in reply, said: It is very pleasing to receive a token of recognition for services rendered, but it has always been a pleasure to work in and for the Strangeways Lodge, and I am proud to represent No. 1219 on the Charity Committee, for I can truthfully say that No. 1219 has always done well. Last year £263 was placed to our credit in the report of the Systematic, besides £24 contributed by members. This year £125 10s. has been contributed to the Systematic, and £52 10s. to the Aged Freemasons. It is only right to mention that a portion of the money paid this year was really due for the previous year, as £170 had been received for initiation and joining fees in 1891. It is one of the privileges of old men to look upon the past. There is not one of the founders of the lodge left; 19 members have died, and 11 also dead who had resigned, making 30 deaths; 66 have been excluded and 94 resigned, making a total of 179; and now we have above 90 members. Allow me to say a word with regard to the Systematic. We have good cause to blow our own trumpet—"actions speak louder than words"—and I believe we are at the head of the province in the amount of our subscriptions, and I can testify that our own Charity has done nobly in helping poor and distressed Masons and widows, besides educating children. It is proposed to extend the benefits by granting annuities of £26 per annum to our candidates for the London Charities until elected. In a recent return appeared 68 old men candidates and only 19 vacancies, 84 old women and only 11 vacancies in the London Institutions. Our scheme will be a great help to our own candidates. If the province will still support the Systematic as in the past our Prov. G. Master will be delighted to foster this new project of annuities. For nine years I have been one of the Auditors of the systematic, and I may tell you that £11,102 is now invested. This will show you that a good foundation is made for the relief of our distressed brethren, widows, and children. Accept thanks for the beautiful jewel. I shall appreciate this memento of my connection with Strangeways Lodge as long as I live. I am very glad to see Bro. Chadwick, the Prov. G. Sec., present. He has worked nobly on behalf of the East Lancs. Systematic, and years ago we talked of working to raise £10,000. He now rejoices, as I do, that we have £100 beyond, and now an effort must be made to raise another £10,000 for the new Annuity Fund. Again I thank you for your Charity jewel, and will work on as long as able to do so.

Bro. Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec., who had a very cordial reception, expressed his satisfaction that Bro. Andrew's services had been recognised by the lodge as Charity Representative, and he bore testimony to the continuous and long efficient work done by Bro. Andrew at the Charity Committee.

The jewel was a combined Charity, Treasurer, and Past Master's jewel, with suitable inscription engraved thereon.

At the banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to in a most enthusiastic manner.

The following were present: Bros. J. Lacey Savage, W.M.; A. H. Battye, I.P.M.; James Robinson, S.W.; W. O. O. Wilkinson, J.W.; Wm. T. Schofield, P.M.; P.P.G.D., Treas.; W. B. Russell, P.M., P.G.D. of C., Sec.; W. Barron, S.D.; W. H. Schofield, J.D.; B. Whitwam, I.G.; S. Mamelock, P.M.; G. Barlow, P.M.; J. Andrews, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; Philip Whyman, Robert Hughes, P.M.; W. Bradshaw, E. Lord, W. Williams, Francis Bishop, Jno. W. Heap, J. Bolton, L. H. Keary, J. T. Tunstall, M. Fustan, Alfred E. Bishop, John Kinsey, W. H. Carrington, J. Rowbottom, G. A. Bowden, L. J. G. Savage, C. Hall, R. Meggett, J. T. Whittle, Geo. W. Bresham, and J. Lowey. Visitors: Bros. T. Uttley, P.M.; H. H. Vickers, G. S. Smith, P.M.; W. H. Jolliffe, Buckley Carr, J. Cantrill, John Williams, P.M.; W. A. Doherty, H. Morris, J. H. Wells, G. Bell, R. H. Ibbotson, John Beremar, L. Gagger, J. Hopwood, P.M.; Chas. Turner, P.M.; H. Grimshaw, N. Procopides, and J. Tunstall.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

NEWPORT.

Albany Lodge (No. 151).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 16th inst., when the new building, which has been erected on the site of the old lodge, was used for the first time. Bro. C. E. Pinnock was installed W.M. by the I.P.M., Bro. H. Groves. The following officers were appointed: Bros. A. Hyams, S.W.; W. Bishop, J.W.; Rev. F. W. Watts, M.A., P.M., P.P. G.W., Chap.; D. S. Pring, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; H. W. Horam, Sec.; J. H. Wavell, P.M., D.C.; W. L. George, S.D.; R. Smith, J.D.; J. G. Jones, P.P.G.O., Org.; F. Pinnock, I.G.; D. S. Pring, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Std.; and C. Knell, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Horace Groves for his services in the chair during the past year.

At the banquet which followed covers were laid for 64, the company including several visitors from other lodges. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

PORTSMOUTH.

Duke of Connaught Lodge (No. 1834).—The installation of a Master into the chair of K.S. was celebrated in this lodge on Tuesday, the 24th ult., with more than usual *clat*, the Provincial Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., with his Deputy and officers attending the ceremony. The day was observed as a "red-letter day" amongst the brethren of Portsmouth. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. John James Suter. The minutes having been read and confirmed, and sundry other business transacted, a deputation was appointed to escort the Prov. Grand

Master into the lodge. The Prov. G.M. having entered the lodge with his officers, he was saluted, as was also his Deputy, Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, P-st G.D., after which the Prov. G.M. assumed the chair, and the out-going W.M. presented to him the W.M. elect, Bro. Alexander Howell, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The Prov. G.M. performed the ceremony of installation in his usual fluent and most impressive manner. The new W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. J. Suter, I.P.M.; R. J. Waterman, S.W.; W. Bacon Fodden, J.W.; C. W. Bevis, P.M., Treas.; William Baker, Sec.; Herbert H. Keeping, S.D.; W. E. Duck, J.D.; Lieut. Thomas Cowd, P.M., P.G.S.B., D.C.; F. Pearce, M.D., I.G.; James Crockerell and Charles F. Brown, Stwds.; and J. Exell, Prov. G.T., Tyler. On the proposition of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Cowd, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Prov. Grand Master for attending and working the ceremony.

The Prov. C.M. having thanked the brethren, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room, where the Worshipful Master presided at a banquet which did credit to the *cuisine* of the Freemasons' Club. Each guest was provided with a menu card and toast list which attracted considerable attention, not only for the striking originality of its composition, but also for its beauty as a piece of fine art printing. Round each margin were printed appropriate quotations—poetical and otherwise. In each corner was given one of the Masonic attributes, and the menu, toast list, and list of officers were interspersed with other characteristic quotations. The whole was designed by the new W.M.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, in responding for "The M.W. Pro. Grand Master, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the Present and Past Officers of Grand Lodge," adverted to the functions of Grand Lodge, and strongly advised brethren who were qualified to exercise the privilege of attending. He also alluded to the very large sums, closely approaching £100,000, which had been raised for Masonic Charities during the past twelve months, remarking that they could not expect to raise so much during the coming year, but they must all hope that the Festival of the Benevolent Institution would suffer as little as possible because of the generosity of the past. He then referred to the great interest which the new W.M. had taken in all branches of Freemasonry, as also in the literature relating to the Craft, and with reference to which the new W.M. had done so much as the local secretary in Hants to the Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle, an institution of which he could not speak in too high terms, as to it they owed so much of what they knew about the history of Freemasonry. Their new Worshipful Master had worked hard to spread a knowledge of that institution throughout the province, and although only a comparatively young Mason, he had done work for the Craft of which he might well be proud.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of "The R.W. Provincial Grand Master," said that no words were necessary in a meeting of Hampshire Masons in introducing the name of Bro. Beach. His name was well known to all of them, and he was highly esteemed for his unflinching courtesy, and for the great interest which he took in all Masonic matters. His character was well summed up in the couplet which appeared under the toast—

"To those who know thee not, no words can paint;
And those who know thee, know all words are faint."

The Provincial Grand Master, in responding, expressed the great pleasure which it gave him to attend that day, and to install their W.M., in whom he recognised a most zealous Mason. He said that the great efforts which had been made in the cause of Charity during the past year were unexampled in the history of the Order, and he impressed upon the brethren that Charity consisted not only in giving, but in putting the best construction upon the conduct of a brother, not judging him harshly, but judging Masonic love into the scale. He urged them to adhere to the principles bequeathed to them, and to maintain them in their integrity.

Bro. the Rev. H. E. Betts, Prov. G. Chap., responded to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers" in an amusing speech, and described his feelings as akin to those of the Iron Duke, whose words—"After prolonged study and research, I have come to the conclusion that toasts were devised to give a man who has nothing particular to say, an opportunity of saying it"—had been so appropriately placed by their W.M. at the head of the toast list. He congratulated the members of the lodge upon having such an excellent Mason as Bro. Alexander Howell to rule over them, and expressed the opinion that their W.M. had given them a foretaste of the masterly way in which he would render the ritual of the Order when he gave the several addresses upon investing his officers.

The I.P.M., Bro. J. J. Suter, gave the toast of "The Worshipful Master" in eulogistic terms.

The W.M., in reply, said that the reception they had given them was a very happy commencement to his year of office as Master of the lodge. He was not insensible either to the distinguished honour which had been conferred upon him or to the difficult position in which he was placed as the responsible ruler of a lodge. That position was one not to be taken without mature thought and consideration, and he trusted that he would be enabled to carry out the various duties of the office in such a manner as to be creditable to himself and to give satisfaction to the members of his lodge. He said that the Master's work, as laid down in their ritual, was in itself a matter of considerable moment, and to be able to render the work in a satisfactory manner was no light task for a Master to take upon himself. But, after all, that ought not to be his highest ambition. Undoubtedly a Master ought to strive to so render the ritual as to bring out every one of the many beautiful precepts which it contains, and to thoroughly impress them upon the candidate. That was his first duty, but not his only one. He thought that a Master was expected to be—and ought to do his utmost to qualify as—a teacher or instructor of Masonry, as distinguished from the ritual of Masonry. A man might be a most advanced Ritualist (of course, he said, he used the words in a Masonic and not Ecclesiastical sense) without knowing anything about Masonry. Some years ago, when he was Secretary of the lodge, whenever there was no ordinary "work" to do a lecture or paper upon some Masonic subject was read, and he never found that the brethren evinced any want of interest in the subject, but, on the contrary, many and

many had been the letters which he had received asking for further information upon the subjects brought before the lodge. The course then commenced he proposed to continue, and he ventured to predict that if the lodge should unfortunately not have a single candidate during his year of office, the brethren of the lodge would not have cause to complain that their lodge nights were entirely wasted. After dilating upon the injunction laid upon initiates to "make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge," the W.M. remarked upon the impossibility of carrying it out if the means were not provided, and made an urgent appeal to the Masters of lodges meeting in the neighbourhood of Portsmouth, some sixteen in number, to assist him in the foundation of a good Masonic library, to which they might refer their candidates for the means of gaining that knowledge which they so strongly enjoined them to acquire.

Other toasts followed, the proceedings being interspersed with harmony, to which Bros. G. F. Lancaster, H. Love, C. W. Bevis, and T. W. Haydon contributed.

There were present, besides the Prov. G.M., the Dep. P.G.M., the W.M. and the officers of the lodge whose names appear above, the following Past Masters, viz.: Bros. Thomas Cousins, P.P.G.W.; J. Wallingford, P.P.G.W.; H. E. Betts, P.G. Chap.; G. Andrews, P.G. Chap.; G. F. Lancaster, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Brickwood, P.P.G.D.; W. R. Rowe, P.P.G.D.; W. Bentell, P.G. Supt. of Works; C. J. Lawrence, P.G.D.C.; Alderman Arthur Cudlipp, P.P.G.D.C.; S. R. Ellis, P.P.G.D.C.; W. F. Westerman, P.A.G.D.C.; W. Bates, P.G. Std. Br.; T. Cowd, P.G. S.B.; G. Pearman, P.G. Org.; G. D. Lovegrove, P.P.G. Org.; George Williams, P.G. Furs.; Alfred Hewett, P.G. Std.; A. W. Hewett, P.G. Std.; J. G. Garnham, P.G. Std.; J. S. Gardner, C. W. Bevis, D. T. Rule, T. A. Bramsdon, T. W. Haydon, H. Love, W. A. Hill, and James Jenkins; the W.M.'s of lodges 257, 309, 487, 804, 903, 1069, 1428, 1705, 1776, 2058, and 2074, besides a large number of Master Masons. The D.P.G.M. said that the Board of Installed Masters was one of the largest he had ever seen in the province.

RINGWOOD.

Unity Lodge (No. 132).—The annual assembly of the members of this lodge for the installation of W.M. and the investment of officers took place at the White Hart Hotel, on Thursday, the 10th inst., when there was a large gathering of brethren of the lodge and visiting brethren. Bro. J. Phillips was duly installed as W.M., and the following were appointed officers: Bros. S. B. Morse, I.P.M.; C. Wilkes, S.W.; F. A. Lane, J.W.; A. T. Hicks, P.M., Treas.; A. W. Ward, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; S. Minty, S.D.; F. G. Caterell, J.D.; W. Farrance, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., D.C.; J. T. Fisher, I.G.; A. Macklin, Org.; F. Hibbs and H. Woolf, Stwds.; and C. Bursey, Tyler. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. H. J. Atkins, P.M. 1764, P.P.S.G.V. Norths and Hunts.

An elegant banquet was provided by Mrs. Jensen, of the White Hart Hotel. The newly-installed W.M. presided, and the usual round of loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, "Hearty good wishes" being on all hands expressed towards Bro. Phillips that his year of office would be a happy and successful one.

SURBITON.

Surbiton Lodge (No. 2140).—There was a full attendance of members of this lodge at the usual meeting on the 16th inst., when the W.M., Bro. F. H. R. Beck, who was assisted by all his officers. The work to be done was very light in comparison with what the W.M. has hitherto had to perform, and consisted of the initiation of Messrs. S. Masters and W. A. Thomas. The former will add to the musical strength of the lodge, which is now enviable, being one of the most successful and promising tenors of the Guildhall School of Music.

The ceremony was admirably performed, and the principal officers displayed great knowledge of their duties. The W.M. undertook to represent the lodge at the Girls' School Festival, and will make a good start towards taking up a respectable list by qualifying as a Life Governor of the Institution. Among the visitors was Bro. E. A. Shattuck, 89, U.S.A., who expressed the pleasure it had given him as an American brother to watch the work, and thanked the W.M. for the cordiality extended to him. Bros. Morton, 209, and J. A. Mills, 871, were also visitors.

UXBRIDGE.

Royal Union Lodge (No. 382).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Chequers Hotel. Present: Bros. J. A. Carter, W.M.; C. Mead, S.W. H. J. Bragg, J.W.; Cotton, P.M., Treas. A.G.D.C. Middlesex; H. W. Nicholson, P.M., Sec., P.D.G.D.C. Middlesex; W. H. Reed, S.D.; A. Foyer, J.D.; J. Taplin, P.M., A.D.C.; T. Twamley, I.G.; G. Duffin, Tyler; G. Rowles, P.M.; A. G. Fleming, P.M.; Harvey, A. A. Hardy, W. A. Hardy, Newman, Dennis, Blackwell, Maylott, Anderson, Hawkes, Hall, G. J. Mercer, Bucker, Chappell, Howse, and Bailey. Visitors: Bros. W. A. Cocks, W.M. 2163; and Gomme, J.W. 780.

The minutes were read and confirmed. Bros. Hawkes and Newman were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The Worshipful Master for the ensuing year was elected, the choice being unanimous in favour of Bro. C. Mead, S.W. Bro. E. Cotton was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Duffin re-elected Tyler. The petition of a distressed brother to the Board of Benevolence was signed, and temporary assistance was also given him.

After the close of the lodge the brethren sat down to a light repast, supplied in the usual able manner by the host, Bro. Twamley.

YORK.

York Lodge (No. 236).—The installation meeting and banquet of this lodge were held on Monday, the 16th ult., the former occurring at the Masonic Hall, Dancombe-place, and the latter at the York Hotel. There was a large gathering of brethren, including the following: Bros. G. J. Robinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; E. A. Purnell, I.P.M.; A. Buckle, B.A., P.M.; J. Sykes Rymr, P.M.; G. Kirby, P.M.; J. Told, P.M., Treas.; T. S. Brodgen, P.M.; G. Garbutt, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Mark Rooke, P.M.; S. Border, P.M.; Dr. Draper, P.M.; Dr. Foster, P.M.; T. G. Hodgson, P.M.; C. E. Wright, W.M., H. L. Swift, P.M., J. E. Jones, S.W., and Capt. Lindberg, of 238; G. C. Lee, B.A., E. Kendall, W. T. Hey, H. Scott,

E. S. Robinson, J. S. Robinson, E. G. Curnmack, J. T. Seller, P.M. 1611; C. Summers, W. Wilcocks, F. Loveday, F. W. Laughton, T. Archey, Jno. Smith, T. Smith, Jno. Biscoomb, C. E. Bradley, H. T. Bellerby, P.M., P.Z. 242; C. Tweedy, W.M., and James Ward, I.P.M., of 1337; J. H. Shonksmith, W.M., Wm. Storey, I.P.M., Rev. C. Lindley, C. Watson, J. S. Spetch, S.W., W. Bean, W. S. Child, P.P.G.O., Ben Kilvington, and C. Wilson, of 1611; E. Simpson, 1221; G. Manton, 1091; W. N. Stimpson, and Carter.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Jos. Todd, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas., installed Bro. J. B. Sampson into the chair of K.S., who afterwards appointed his officers as follow: Bros. E. W. Purnell, I.P.M.; Arthur Jones, S.W.; Edward Carter, J.W.; the Rev. C. Lindley, Chap.; Jos. Todd, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; Alfred Procter, Sec.; M. Bryson, S.D.; F. S. Gramshaw, J.D.; F. W. Laughton, I.G.; Thos. Sanderson, Organist; John Biscoomb, D.C.; Henry Forster, P.M., and E. R. Turner, Stewards; and John Hall, Tyler.

The banquet was excellently served by Bro. Simmons. Bro. Sampson, W.M., presiding. The usual toast list was gone through, and during the evening vocal and instrumental music contributed to the pleasure of the company, Bros. Bean, Wilson, Kilvington, and Debenham contributing part songs, accompanied by Bros. Sanderson, Org., and Child, P.P.G. Org.

Royal Arch.

DONCASTER.

St. Magdalen Chapter (No. 242).—The monthly meeting was held in St. George's Rooms on the 27th ult. Present: Comps. R. B. Ogle, M.E.Z.; F. J. Walker, P.Z.; H. T. Bellerby, P.Z.; J. A. H. Hirst, P.Z., P.P.G.R. Notts; G. G. Wilkie, H.; S. Pegler, J.; T. Foster, S.E.; J. Constable, S.N.; F. Webb, P.S.; W. H. Chambers, F. J. Forth, J. H. Pawson, G. Newsum, C. Goldthorp, and others. Visitor: Comp. A. L. Peace, 458.

The election of officers took place with the following result: Comps. G. G. Wilkie, M.E.Z.; S. Pegler, H.; F. Webb, J.; T. Foster, S.E.; W. H. Chambers, S.N.; G. Brooke, Treas.; J. Constable, P.S.; S. Lester, 1st A.S.; E. Newsum, 2nd A.S.; and J. Hurst, Janitor. Arrangements were made for the installation to take place on the 24th inst.

PLUMSTEAD.

Union Waterloo Chapter (No. 13).—The installation meeting of the above flourishing and grand old chapter, the warrant for which was granted some 68 years ago, took place at the Masonic Hall, Mount Pleasant, on Wednesday, the 25th ult., when Comp. W. Tailby was installed into the chair of Z., and Comp. H. S. Syer into that of J. Comp. W. J. Akers, the H. elect, being unavoidably absent through illness.

The chapter was opened by Comp. C. H. Canning, M.E.Z., with Comp. Tailby as H. and Comp. Capt. W. Weston, P.Z., P.Z. 1789, as J. The minutes of the previous convocation having been confirmed, Comp. A. Penfold, P.Z., P.Z. 913, P.Z. 1472, and Past Prov. Grand 1st A.S., who has for many years past acted as Installing Officer of all the chapters, and most of the Mark lodges in the district, assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and admirably carried out the important duties entrusted to his charge. The following officers were invested: Comps. G. Kennedy, P.Z., Scribe E.; Captain G. Spinks, P.Z., Treasurer; W. G. Keeble, Scribe N.; T. Widgery, P.S.; and C. Warren, Janitor.

Among the other companions present were Comps. J. Scott-Mutch, P.Z.; R. J. Warren, P.Z. 1472, P.P.G.S.B. Essex; G. W. King, H. Crowley, W. G. Lock, Colonel E. Hughes, M.P., E. Morris, H., and D. Capon, of 913; Colonel C. Vansittart, J. 1789; C. Jolly, P.Z. 913, M.E.Z. 1472; and others.

The ceremony having been concluded, Comp. Canning was presented with a handsome and valuable Past Principal's jewel, inscribed with the thanks of the chapter, for services rendered during his year of office, and for which he suitably returned thanks. Comp. Penfold was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his services as Installing Officer—the same to be recorded on the minutes. The chapter was then closed.

The banquet was partaken of at the Earl of Chatham Hotel, Woolwich, and was splendidly served by Bro. Capon, the worthy and esteemed host.

The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts having been honoured, Comp. Canning proposed the toast of "The M.E.Z.," saying that from the first office taken in the chapter by Comp. Tailby, he (Comp. Tailby) had done his work well, and now that he had arrived at the chair of First Principal, they need have no doubt as to his carrying out his duties with credit to himself and honour to the chapter.

The toast having been drunk in bumpers, Comp. Tailby assured the companions that he had that night achieved the summit of his Masonic ambition, and would, at the completion of his term of office, go on superannuation, which he thought he deserved. The good old chapter needed resuscitating, and he meant to try and do the resuscitating, and trusted that not only himself, but every member of the chapter would do their best and assist him to make it one of the foremost in the Metropolitan area.

Comp. Syer having responded for "The Principals" in an excellent speech,

The M.E.Z. gave the toast of "The Installing Officer," and in glowing terms spoke of Comp. Penfold as the perfection of an Installing Officer.

Comp. Penfold thanked them for their hearty reception of the toast, and apologised for being late in his attendance. He looked upon it as a great pleasure and privilege to have to install the principles of such a grand old chapter, of over half a century's existence. They knew from the records of it that it was flourishing in 1839, and had, and still would flourish. He could safely say that nothing gave him so much pleasure as working for the good of Freemasonry, and if he had pleased them that pleasure was only second to his. He thanked them again, and resumed his seat amid cheers.

Comps. Canning and Warren having responded for "The P.Z.'s,"

Comp. Colonel Hughes, in returning thanks for "The Visitors," said the name of the chapter was a good old

name, and referred to the battle of Waterloo, at which his grandfather fought. At the present time he (Col. Hughes) was also fighting for a union—a union of men—a fight that would bring them together in one great bond of union, and he knew nothing better, just then, worth fighting for. He was exceedingly pleased to see his friend Comp. Capt. Tailby promoted to the highest position in the chapter, because he had watched Captain Tailby for many years past, and felt sure that whatever position he achieved he would do honour to it. He thanked them for their kindly reception of his name, and wished the chapter every prosperity.

Comps. Col. Vansittart, Capt. Weston, Morris, and Jolly also responded.

Several other toasts were honoured, and a most pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent in harmony.

Mark Masonry.

CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY.

Chorlton Lodge (No. 394).—The installation meeting was held on Wednesday, the 25th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. W. Webster, W.M., presiding. The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. F. G. Goodacre, S.W., W.M. elect, was installed by Bro. W. Goodacre, P.S.G.D. England. The following officers for the ensuing year were invested: Bros. S. Locke, S.W.; J. H. Wells, J.W.; H. Nall, M.O.; T. Griffiths, S.O.; J. Walton, J.O.; J. J. Lambert, Treasurer; G. R. Lloyd, R. of M.; J. Crompton, Secretary; T. W. Bone, S.D.; C. Mackay, J.D.; A. Middleton, D.C.; F. Renshaw, I.G.; and W. Chesshyre, Tyler; and they were addressed in a most effective manner by Bro. Charles Heywood, P.M.

Great pleasure was expressed at seeing Bro. F. G. Goodacre after his late severe illness, and we sincerely trust that he may have continuous health, and a very prosperous year of office.

Royal Ark Mariners.

WORCESTER.

Lechmere Lodge (No. 59).—The installation meeting was held at the Masonic Rooms, High-street, on Friday, the 27th ult., and was the occasion of the elevation of a numerous body of influential officers and Mark Masons from the neighbouring Provinces of Warwickshire and Staffordshire. The members of the lodge and the Royal Ark Mariners in the province present were Bros. A. F. Godson, M.P., Prov. G.M.; Abraham Green, W.C.N., D.P.G.M.; T. Lamb Smith, P.C.N.; Major W. S. Williamson, P.C.N.; Henry Rowe, P.C.N.; R. C. Smith Carrington, P.C.N.; Murray Haynes, P.C.N.; T. F. Bland, S.; G. H. Williamson, J.; Rev. W. J. Down, Chap.; Duncan J. Shedden, J. G. Bennett, Charles Virgo, E. J. Chambers, J. Jones, F. W. Nott, and others. The Mark Masons as candidates present were Bros. the Rev. Trevor Parkins, B.A., W.M. Howe Lodge (T.I.), D.P.G.M. Warwickshire; Lloyd Owen, M.D., Howe Lodge (T.I.), Grand Steward of England, P.G. Treas. Warwickshire; Robert Barton Morgan, P.M. 115, P.P.S.G.W., Chap. 115; William Hillman, P.M. 115, P.P.G.M.O.; Thos. Rowbotham, W.M. 430, S.O. 115, P.P.G.S. of W.; Edward Mallard, P.M. 430, W.M. 115, P.G. Reg. of M.; Felix Jones, P.M. 174, P.P.I.G.W.; Samuel Jenkins, W.M. 318, P.P.G.M. Staffordshire; Joseph Candelent, P.M. 318, P.P.G.S.O. Staffordshire; William Parish Hoskins, J.D. 174, P.G. Stwd.; Walter Glover, 430, J.W. 115, P.J.G.D.; Howard Jennings, R. of M. 115, P.P.G. Stwd.; Frederick Edward Wattis, Sec. 115, D.C. 430; John Alfred Dexter, S.O. 430, S.D. 174, P.G.I.G.; Thos. Henry Pearce, S.D. 430; Walter Herbert Rollason, Stwd. 115; Jabez Attwood, M.O. 115, P.G. Std. Br.; Arthur G. Boys, 430; and W. G. Smith, J.D. 174.

This was the largest gathering of Royal Ark Mariners ever elevated at one time in any of the Ark lodges of the Midland Counties, and it is believed that a more distinguished body of Mark Master Masons and Royal Ark Mariners never met together in any Ark lodge in the provinces. The 19 candidates are about to present a petition to the President and members of the Grand Masters' Royal Ark Council with the consent and approbation (already promised) of the Pro G.M. and Prov. G.M. of Warwickshire, the Most Noble Bro. the Marquess of Hertford, for permission to float the first Ark that has ever floated over the placid waters of the Province of Warwickshire since the original Ark bumped upon Mount Ararat. It being conceived that the original Ark never bumped against any part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland during the 40 days and 40 nights whilst it was being tossed about by the storms and tempests created by the Almighty as a punishment to our forefathers, and in which the Bible informs us the First Commander Noah was imprisoned with his wife and family, his flocks and his herds, male and female. The ceremony of elevation was performed in a very able, eloquent, and impressive manner by the P.C.N., Bro. Murray Haynes, acting W.C.N., assisted by the other P.C.N.'s and officers of the lodge. The newly-elevated Royal Ark Mariners then enjoyed the privilege of witnessing the enthronement of Bro. T. F. Bland as W.C.N. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed in a masterly, and very impressive manner by Bro. Abraham Green, W.C.N., D.P.G.M. They also had the opportunity of witnessing the graceful and instructive manner in which the W.C.N. appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year. The officers appointed and invested were as follows: Bros. Abraham Green, P.C.N.; A. Comber, J.; G. H. Williamson, S.; Rev. W. Down, Chap.; T. Lamb Smith, Treas.; Duncan J. Shedden, Scribe; E. J. Chambers, S.D.; J. Jones, J.D.; J. G. Bennett, Org.; M. Smith, G.; Hicks and Page, Stwds.; and Nott and Spittle, Wardens.

After the dual ceremony, the newly-elected candidates were the guests of the W.C.N. and the officers of the lodge, and were entertained at a most *recherché* banquet laid before them by Bro. Mountford, the eminent Worcester-shire caterer, the wines and liquors of the choicest vintages being provided by Bro. J. G. Bennett.

After the usual loyal toasts in honour of "Her Majesty the Queen," and the "Rulers of the Craft,"

The P.G.M., in reply to the toast of his health, warmly

congratulated the newly-elevated brethren on their laudable desire to launch a new Ark in the Province of Warwickshire, and assured them that they might rely upon the utmost assistance and support from himself, his worthy Deputy, and the other Royal Ark Mariners of his province. He also condoled with Bro. Murray Haynes, who had announced to the lodge that he had been taken to task on several points by the Grand Mark Secretary, Bro. C. F. Matier, and promised him that he would use his influence with Bro. Matier to prevent his being punished in any way, or being immersed in the troubled waters outside the Ark.

The health of the "Newly-elevated Brethren and success to their scheme," was proposed and given by command of the W.C.N., by Bro. G. W. Williamson, J., who, in a very humorous and eloquent speech, reiterated the kindly greetings and fraternal promises of the P.G.M., coupling with the toast the names of Bro. Edward Mallard, as W.C.N. elect of the proposed new Ark, and Bro. Thomas Rowbotham, as J. elect.

Bro. Edward Mallard, in reply, explained the object they had in view in taking the Degree, and particularly thanked the P.C.N.'s Bros. A. Green and Murray Haynes for the kindly assistance and support they had rendered to him in bringing about such a happy brotherly and festive gathering, and expressed the gratitude of the elevated brethren to the P.G.M. and his Deputy for having condescended to attend the lodge and welcome them in their midst, and also for the kindly offers of support and assistance they had individually vouchsafed.

Bros. Thos. Rowbotham, J. elect; Trevor Parkins, D.P. G.M.M. Warwickshire; and Lloyd Owen, P.G. Treas. Warwickshire, also expressed their hearty thanks for the munificent, liberal, and brotherly reception they had received, and offered their congratulations and those of the P.G.M. Lodge of Warwickshire to the W.C.N. on the most successful gathering and its result, and upon his having taken the first step and assisting the newly-elevated brethren in the proposed inauguration of a new ark in the Province of Warwickshire, and assured the W.C.N., the P.G.M., and his worthy Deputy, and the other brethren present, that if they would condescend to meet them in their new ark as soon as it was launched, he promised them that they should have a more cordial and hospitable reception than even they had received at their hands, if it were possible to give it to them.

A most enjoyable evening was spent.

LADIES' NIGHT OF THE ECCLESTON LODGE, No. 1624.

In accordance with a custom which has prevailed for some years in this lodge, the brethren were joined by a large number of ladies at the banquet which followed the lodge business at the meeting held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on the 18th ult.

Bro. John Grist, W.M., presided, and under his genial sway a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent, every arrangement having been made for the comfort of visitors by the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. A. W. Beckham.

After dinner, a few of the customary toasts were honoured.

Bro. BIGNOLD, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and said the toast was one that was always received with the greatest enthusiasm, and this year would be no exception to the rule. They had a Worshipful Master who was fully competent to take charge of the lodge, and was thoroughly respected by every member as a good Mason and a good fellow.

Bro. JOHN GRIST, W.M., sincerely thanked the I.P.M. for the manner in which he had proposed the toast. He felt he was in a very proud position that night in presiding over such a lodge as theirs. He hoped to give satisfaction to the members, and could assure them he would do his best for the lodge and its welfare.

Bro. FLATTERLY, P.M., acknowledged the toast of "The Past Masters," and said they were at all times ready to give any assistance in their power to the W.M. who occupied the chair.

"The Initiates" having been heartily received, the W.M. gave "The Treasurer and Secretary."

Bro. I. ISAACS, P.M., Treas., in response, expressed his pleasure at seeing so many ladies present, and his hope that they would thoroughly enjoy themselves.

Bro. A. W. BECKHAM, Sec., said he did not mind what trouble he took to ensure the happiness of others, and when all were happy around him as they were that night he was happy himself. There were many present who were with them last year, and but a few faces missing. They welcomed them all heartily at the Eccleston Lodge, which he considered as good a lodge as there was in London.

"The Ladies and Visitors" was next submitted by the W.M., who, on behalf of the members, heartily welcomed every lady present. They rejoiced that at that one meeting of the year they were graced by the presence of wives and sweethearts, and he, as the W.M., had much pleasure in proposing their health. He hoped the ladies would enjoy themselves thoroughly, and with all sincerity wished them a very "Happy New Year."

Bro. PUGH having replied, an adjournment was made for a brief interval, after which dancing was indulged in with zest and enjoyment until the early hours of the morning.

The lodge may again congratulate itself on the success achieved, and all present will look forward to a recurrence of these enjoyable gatherings.

Amongst the members present were Bros. J. Grist, W.M.; F. Arnold, S.W.; W. S. Sands, J.W.; I. Isaacs, Treas.; A. W. Beckham, Sec.; G. Messenger, S.D.; J. Dotterill, J.D.; J. Jones, I.G.; G. P. Delavante, Org.; C. Taylor, P.M., D.C.; R. F. Roberts, A.D.C.; W. J. B. Pugh and T. Salter, Stwds.; J.

Forder, Asst. Tyler; T. Coulthard, P.M.; J. W. Ray, P.M.; W. Weston, P.M.; Bignold, I.P.M.; W. Smith, and many others. Visitors: Bros. J. Holland, 1348; F. Larner, P.M. 858; E. R. Painter, W.M. 766; G. W. Younger, I.G. 1257; R. Hassell, 1623; C. W. Evans, 2021; A. J. Beesley, 1692; C. H. Dancocks, W.M. 1671; G. Scarman, 1287; J. G. Bond, P.P.G. D.C. Kent; P. H. Clisby, P.M. 1623; G. Price, 193; C. Woodrow, P.M. 1708; J. W. Smith; W. W. Lee, W.M. 2381; and others.

MASONIC VETERAN ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS.

The seventh annual "Report of the Masonic Veteran Association of Illinois" is now being circulated by the venerable and respected Chief, *General F. C. Smith*, of Chicago, who is well known to many of the Craft in this country, and is a member of the C.C. of Lodge No. 2076.

As an esteemed Past Grand Master of Illinois, and a war veteran, he has troupes of friends, so it is not to be wondered at that his invitations are eagerly looked out for, and accepted by many eminent Freemasons in the United States and Canada, who think nothing of the journey of a few hundred miles to participate in the hospitalities of what is known as "Smith's Inn," but really his mansion in 65, Sibley-street, where his good lady, Mrs. Smith, is the presiding genius, and gracefully sees to the comfort and happiness of the guests.

This time the report is a large one, extending to over 100 pages, and deals in part with General Smith's travels during the summer of 1892 in the East, on the Continent, and in Great Britain. Many of the illustrations are choice and most suggestive, and those of Masonic jugs and mugs are both valuable and interesting. The plate of marks, collected by the indefatigable Craftsman during his sojourn from home, are curious and important, and the various letters sent to the General, by friends unable to be present at the annual gathering, make most excellent reading.

There are 46 honorary members of the Illinois Veteran Association, including Bros. W. J. Hughan, George Reynolds, J. Sykes Rymer, Henry Sadler, Geo. W. Speth, and T. B. Whytehead, from England; also Bros. the Earl of Haddington, William Hart, R. S. Brown, D. Murray Lyon, and Col. Stirling, from Scotland, &c.

The report is by far the best of the kind ever issued, and is a credit to all concerned in its preparation, illustrations, and execution.

CONSECRATION OF NEW LODGE ROOM FOR THE ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 2253, (E.C.).

On Thursday, the 5th ult., a special communication of the District Grand Lodge of Barbados, W.I., was called for the purpose of dedication of the new lodge room at Bellville, built by the members of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 2253. The R.W. Dist. G.M., Bro. Col. John Elliott, C.B., C.M.G., Past Grand Deacon of England, presided, and was ably supported and assisted by the following officers: Bros. John Locke, P.M. 2253, D. Dist. G.M.; the Rev. Clarke Holmes, Dist. G. Chap.; R. J. Clinkett, Dist. G. Sec.; Major J. C. Oughtern, Dist. S.G.W.; H. T. Armstrong (*locus tenens*), Dist. J.G.W.; F. J. Price, P.M. 159 and 196, Dist. S.G.D.; W. Howes, P.M. 196, Dist. J.G.D.; and J. J. Warner, P.D.S.G.W., Dist. G.D.C.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. J. Locke, as President of the Building Committee, gave a short *resumé* of the history of St. Michael's Lodge, claiming that although not holding a warrant of sufficient antiquity to wear the centenary jewel, that nevertheless No. 2253 was the actual representative of a very much older lodge [now 104].* He then invited the R.W. Dist. G.M. to consecrate and dedicate the hall to Masonry.

The R.W. DISTRICT GRAND MASTER having signified his pleasure in doing so, called on the District Grand Chaplain to give the oration, which proved to be a masterly exposition and defence of the principles of the Order.

The anthem, "Hear the voice and prayers of Thy servants," &c., having been sung by a choir of brethren under the direction of Bro. M. E. Doorley, Mus. Bac., D.G. Org., the Chaplain, carrying a censer, proceeded three times around the hall, solemn music being played during the perambulation. A procession of District Grand Officers and Past Masters was then formed, and bearing the elements of consecration, marched in order around the hall, halting in the east, west, and south, the Dist. G.M. impressively rendering the usual invocatory sentences, dedicating the building to the purposes of "Freemasonry, Virtue, and Universal Benevolence," concluding with the prayer of consecration, after which another anthem was sung, and the Patriarchal Benediction was pronounced by the D.G. Chap.

Bro. C. C. KNOLLYS, C.M., P.D.D.G.M., having expressed to the R.W.D. Grand Master and his officers the thanks of the lodge for attending to perform the ceremony, the lodge was closed.

An excellent banquet was afterwards served in the spacious refectory under the lodge room, presided over by Bro. Major Oughtern, W.M. 2253, at which the R.W.D. Grand Master and his officers were

entertained, being joined by His Excellency the Governor, Sir James Shaw Hay, K.C.M.G., the Lord Bishop, and other distinguished visitors.

The new lodge room is a substantial building of imposing elevation, situated in the Long Pine-road, Bellville, a rapidly-improving suburb of Bridgetown, and reflects credit on the choice of the brethren of No. 2253, whose efforts were first stimulated by the munificent gift of £300 by a young man, Bro. Fred. Taylor, late of that colony.

MASONIC BALL AT TORQUAY.

Vanity Fair has the following notice of the Masonic ball at Torquay:

"The Masonic ball which took place here last week in aid of the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons was a great success, though of necessity rather mixed. Among the patrons were Lord and Lady Ebrington, Lord and Lady Exmouth, Lord and Lady Churston, Sir Stafford and Lady Northcote, Lady Macgregor, the High Sheriff, Mr. Hanbury, and the Mayor, Mr. Splatt. The ball room in the Bath Saloons was effectively decorated with handsome palms, ferns, begonias, azaleas, poinsettias, and other flowering plants, and the banners of the St. John's Lodge were placed about the room. The floor was very slippery, which perhaps accounted for the delay in commencing dancing. The supper was remarkably well done, and the wine, for which the men paid (a highly objectionable system) was about the average. Some merry little parties dancing the Lancers—the type so well known at balls of this sort—were very amusing. Elderly mammas, who had been persuaded to dance, skipped about with steps of days gone by, while the elderly fathers regarded their belongings with undisguised though sleepy admiration. The dresses were not remarkable for smartness; just a few here and there were noticeably pretty. Madame Cassavette, a blaze of diamonds, presided over a flower stall, and sold beautiful sprays and choice buttonholes, the proceeds to be devoted to the wives and orphans of the aged brethren. The flower stall was an excellent and novel idea, which commends itself to the notice of charity ball organisers. Among those present were General Saunders Knox-Gore and his daughters, Captain Annesley, R.N., Captain Livingston, Black Watch, and Miss Livingston, Mr. and Miss Hankey, Miss F. Eardley-Wilmot, Captain Beddingfield, Captain Robertson, and Major Kilgow, 5th Fusiliers.

LEO XIII'S LETTER TO THE ITALIAN PEOPLE.

Dear Sons!

As Guardian of that faith which the Christian nations should owe moral and civil obligation to, I should neglect one of my first and most sublime duties if I did not raise my voice again, and strongly, against the impious war, which, my dear sons, has for its sole object to deprive you of a treasure which is so precious to you.

Of this struggle, now too well known by long and painful experience, you know well the terrible consequences, and you are deeply deploring the same in your hearts as Catholics and Italians. And, indeed, if one can be an Italian by name and deed, and is not annoyed at the insults which are daily inflicted on that Divine faith, which is the most beautiful of our victories, and which procured for Italy the first place among all nations, and Rome, the spiritual sceptre of the world, and which created out of the ruins of paganism and barbarism the wonderful edifice of the Christian civilisation. If one can be in his heart a Catholic, and look on with a dry eye in this very country, in the heart of which our Saviour deigned to found the seat of his empire; to look on, I say, and see how his doctrines are attacked, his Divine service scorned at, his Church fought against, his representative imprisoned, how so many souls redeemed by his blood are lost, and the chosen people, having remained faithful to him for 19 centuries, are now exposed to a constant and imminent danger, viz., of falling away from the faith into a multitude of errors and mistakes of positive misery and moral baseness.

This war being waged at the same time against the celestial and terrestrial Fatherland, against the religion of our fathers and civilisation, against the sciences and arts is, you will understand, beloved sons, doubly criminal, and this not less to offended mankind, than to the insulted divinity.

But from what other source should all this come, but from that Masonic sect which we spoke about in our two letters of 20th April, 1884, and 15th October, 1890, to the Bishops, the Clergy, and the Italian people. In these two letters we have torn the mask off the face of Freemasonry, behind which it concealed itself, and we showed it in its true form, in its dark and pernicious activity. This time we confine ourselves to consider its lamentable effects on Italy.

While it has since insinuated itself into the good graces of the people of our beautiful country under the mask of a philanthropical society, and by means of conspiracy, baseness, and force; and, with the final aim to dominate Italy and Rome, has paved the way to so many troubles of our Church by numerous misrepresentations.

Great hardships have been suffered in this short time by our Fatherland. The religion of our fathers has been made the signal for all sorts of persecutions, with the satanic aim to replace Christianity by

naturalism. The cult of faith by the cult of reason, the Catholic teaching of morality by the so-called independent morality, the progress of genius by that of materialism.

Without exaggeration the power of Freemasonry, which it owes to the direct and immediate results of all its evil deeds, causes us at present great chagrin in our religious community.

In those deeds which we have experienced, and in many other acts which we could recall to our memory, we feel its spirit, that spirit which, as an irreconcilable enemy of Christ, and of the Church, tries all ways, uses all arts, takes advantage of all means in order to rob the Church of her primogeniture, to rob Christ of His chosen people, of the seat of His representative on earth, and of the centre of Catholic unity.

The bad and powerful influence of Freemasonry on our affairs is manifest to-day, not judging by a few and passing signs, nor by the series of evil deeds committed for the past 30 years, but rather because, made proud by success, this sect has spoken out openly, and related what it has done in the past, and what it purposes to do in the future.

The public authorities are consciously, or, unconsciously used as its tools, which means that this impious sect boasts of the religious persecutions which have disturbed our Italy and still cause trouble, as its principal work, carried out by orders, but kindled, encouraged, and assisted by means of flattery or threats, by seduction, or revolution.

They have dared to put against the holy dogmas and laws of the gospel principles and laws which may be called revolutionary, a teaching denying the existence of God and misbelief in the school, the sciences, and all Christian arts. After having broken into the temple of the Lord by confiscating the Church property, the hereditary possessions so necessary to the holy priests were destroyed, and by the power of the learned men the number of the holy servants was reduced to the most urgent requirements.

Since they were unable to prohibit the administration of the Holy Sacrament, they are trying to introduce in every way civil marriages and other pernicious customs.

Although they have not yet succeeded in taking from the hands of the clergy the education of the young and the administration of the benevolent institutions, still they are trying by continuous endeavours to misrepresent them, meaning to do away altogether with the Christian doctrines.

As they could not stifle the voice of Catholicism, they tried every means to bring it into discredit and to make it contemptible.

And what contradictions and sects now exist solely with the desire to do away with the Catholic faith!

While monasteries and convents are being closed, Masonic lodges and breeding places of sects are allowed to multiply as they like.

While every society may obtain judicial rights, this right is denied to the religious brotherhood. Divine services may be held publicly by every sect, but odious intolerance and oppression is inflicted on the religion which is that of Italy, and which on that account should enjoy special reverence and protection. Instead of protecting the dignity and independence of the Pope nothing but protests and great promises are being made, while, on the other hand, impious brotherhoods are in existence which bind their adherents by frivolous oaths, and ask blind and absolute obedience and secrecy even in case of a crime.

And you see how my person is daily made the object of so many sneers.

Manifestations of every description find the field free. But it happens that some Catholic manifestations are prohibited or interfered with.

The discord in the heart of the Church, the giving up of the faith, and the rebellion against the legitimate superiors are encouraged.

The religious vows and principally the religious obedience are rejected, as opposed to liberty and human dignity.

From the religious decay to the social decay the way is very short. When the capable and always yearning human heart is no longer directed to the hope of divine love, it throws itself with insatiable avidity on mere earthly blessings, and there is, of necessity, and inevitably a constant struggle of passions to enjoy, to enrich oneself, to elevate oneself, and in consequence an inexhaustible source of intrigue, strife, immorality, and crime.

The moral and social troubles in our Italy find as before nourishment in the present events. But what painful spectacle is shown to our eyes? In families that amiable reverence, which forms the domestic concord, has much diminished; fraternal authority is too often not recognised either by the sons or by the fathers; discord is frequent, divorce not rare; in the town, discord among the citizens; bad feeling among the different classes of the people; the frivolity of the new generation increases, which, growing up in the spirit of an ignorant liberty, respects nothing either high or low; the inclination to cursing and early crimes and public scandals is growing. The Government, instead of fulfilling its highest and sublime duty by recognition, protection, and assistance of the Divine and human rights in their harmonious entirety considers itself as arbitrator.

Social order is shaken in its foundations; books and journals, school and university, society and theatre, monuments and political speeches, photographs and fine arts, all work together to turn away the souls and destroy the hearts. In the meantime the oppressed nations are raging, the anarchistic sects agitate, the working classes make the beginning and increase the

*This claim is absurd, and wholly without any basis whatever. No. 2253 dates from its warrant of A.D. 1888.—[Ed. *Freemason*.]

threads of socialism, communism, and anarchism. The character is effeminated, and so many souls not knowing how to bear their sufferings with dignity, or how to get relief in a manly way, leave this world by cowardly suicide.

These are the fruits which our Italians have reaped from the Masonic sect. And after all this Freemasonry is bold enough, boasting of the great services rendered to Italy, to come to you and to give us and all those who listen to our words and remain faithful to Jesus Christ, the calumnious title of foes of the Fatherland. Of what kind of merits this criminal sect possesses, to repeat my statement, is shown by their acts. These acts prove that Masonic patriotism is nothing but a sectarian egotism eager to dominate everything and to rule the modern states, which are to unite all power in its hands. These acts relate that in the spirit of Freemasonry words as political independence, equality of the states, are aiming at nothing else but to pave the way in our country to independence of the man from God, to liberty, the faults and the crime, to the confederation of one party to the detriment of the other citizens, to the tricks of the favourites of this century, to enjoy life fully and to the return of a people redeemed by Divine blood, to discord, immorality, and the disgrace of paganism.

And no one needs to be surprised at this. A sect which after 19 centuries of Christian civilisation endeavour to fight against the Catholic Church and to curtail the Divine sources, which denying absolutely the supernatural, repels all revelation and all the good arising from the same, which is founded, with its aims and works solely on a weak and morally corrupted nature such as ours is. Such a sect cannot be anything but a monster of pride, cupidity, and lust. And when these three sensual passions are united they increase the oppressions and the crimes, till they assume immense dimensions, and bring about the oppression and downfall of a whole nation.

Take note therefore that, when I am addressing you now, I accuse Freemasonry of being a foe to God, the Church, and to our Fatherland. Consider Freemasonry practically as your enemy, and defend yourselves with all weapons which reason, conscience, and faith have given you in your hands against such a cruel enemy. Do not be carried away by its beautiful aspect, or blinded by its promises, or persuaded by its inducements, or intimidated by its threats. Remember that Christianity and Freemasonry are opposed to each other on principle. To approach the latter means to create a deep abyss to the former. You will now understand, beloved sons, the impossibility of a compatibility of the two doctrines, viz., the Catholic and the Masonic.

My predecessors have warned you publicly, and I likewise repeat this publicly. Those, however, who unfortunately have joined one of these pernicious societies may know that they are herewith requested to sever their connection with them at once if they do not want to lose their Christian community, and to have their souls lost for time and eternity.

Further, the parents, teachers, and guardians are herewith informed that a stern duty exhorts them to prevent, by all possible means, their children joining this criminal sect, or, if they are already members, to bring them back.

In a matter of such importance, and as seduction is easy in our days, the Christian must guard himself against the first step, must be afraid of the least danger, and, using the utmost caution according to the teaching of the gospel, be as harmless as a dove, and as wise as a serpent.

The fathers and mothers of families should guard themselves against receiving unknown persons in their houses and against giving them their domestic confidence, or at least those whose religion is not sufficiently known. Be on your guard, lest under the cloak of a friend, teacher, doctor, or other benevolent man, a sly agent of this sect be concealed. Oh! In how many families has not the wolf in sheep's clothing already made his invasion?

It is a good thing to see the many societies which exist now in every class of human life in great number, workers' unions for mutual support, others for science, literature, arts, and if they are animated by a good moral and religious spirit, they become certainly useful and valuable. But if they are pure even in this respect, here and there the poison of Freemasonry has penetrated, and is still penetrating; be suspicious in general and avoid societies which rid themselves of all religious influences, as such are likely to be directly or indirectly governed by Freemasonry; also those, which kept up by the sect, are its orchard and school.

Philanthropical societies, whose nature and aim are not well known, should not be joined by anybody without the advice of wise and experienced persons. As a letter of introduction for the Masonic goods, their serves often that boasting philanthropy which is put against the Christian charity with so much pomp. Beware of being friends or confidants of people who are suspected of belonging to Freemasonry, or to one of their Brotherhoods. They are known by their fruits and consequently avoided. Beware not only of those who, as manifestly impious and godless brothers, bear the mask of that Society in their face, but avoid also every familiarity with those who, under the mask of general tolerance, from false regard for all religions, from stupid zeal, unite the principles of the gospel with those of the revolution, or Christ with Belial, the Church with God, with the existence without God.

Books and journals which infuse the poison of godlessness, and which nourish in the human mind the fire of unbridled and sensual passions, clubs and reading

rooms, where the Masonic spirit is alive and anxious, to destroy something or to put the stamp on a Christian, which causes terror. It is not sufficient with regard to a sect which has attacked everything, to confine oneself to the defence but to go courageously to war against it. And this you can do, beloved sons, by putting pressure against pressure, school against school, society against society, congress against congress, action against action.

Freemasonry has taken possession of the public schools, but you may resist them with your private schools, with those for clerical and religious pupils of both sexes, and principally you, parents, do not trust the education of your children to schools which are not safe. Freemasonry has appropriated the hereditary public Charity. Freemasonry has placed the pious works in the hands of its adherents, but you, as far as concerns you, trust it to the Catholic Institutes. Freemasonry opens and keeps up houses in which vice dominates, but you do your best to give a refuge to endangered honesty. Freemasonry bears religiously and civilly an anti-Christian stamp, but you assist in deeds, and with money, the Catholic faith. Freemasonry has founded societies for mutual assistance and institutes of importance for its own partisans, but you can do equally well through your brothers, even through all poor people by showing that true and open-minded Charity is the daughter of Him, who makes the sun rise and the rain come down on just and unjust people.

This struggle of the good with the bad extends over everything. Freemasonry holds many congresses to discover new methods of combatting the Church, but you do the same to understand better the means for your defence. Freemasonry multiplies its lodges, but you should swell the Catholic societies and Church conferences, benevolent societies and prayer meetings, and do your best to maintain and increase the splendour of God's temple. The sect, which has now nothing to fear, shows now its face in broad day-light, but you, Catholic Italians make also an open confession of your faith; take your glorious ancestors as your example, who, in resisting the tyrants, tortures, and deaths, fearlessly confessed and confirmed it with the testimony of their blood.

The sect endeavours to humble the Church and to lay her like an ordinary servant to the feet of the State. But do not you cease to care for your Church and to ask for her in a legal way the liberty and independence due to her.

Freemasonry endeavours to loose the Catholic unity by sowing discord even among the clergy, by creating strife and propagating discord by inciting people to insubordination, revolution, and schism.

But you, by tightening the holy knot of benevolence and obedience frustrate its intentions, publish its aims, and blight its hopes. Like the first adherents to the faith, be one heart and one soul, rally round the pulpit, congregate round the See of St. Peter, unite with your pastors and protect the highest interests of the Church and the Pope, which are at the same the highest interests of Italy and the entire Christian world. The Apostolic See has always been the zealous and powerful guardian of Italian greatness. Be, therefore, Italians and Catholics, free men, and not sectarians, be faithful to the Fatherland and to both Christ and his visible representative, and be convinced that an Italy which is directed against Christianity and Papacy is contrary to the Divine will, and consequently doomed to be damned.

Beloved sons, religion and Fatherland speak at this moment, simultaneously out of my mouth; do not be afraid on account of the number of your foes, their impudence and power; since God is stronger and is with you, how can they fight against you? In order that God may show all the more grace towards you, and fight and triumph with you, double your prayers together, by practising Christian virtue, and especially, be charitable to the poor, and renew your faith daily by asking humbly and fervently for the Divine mercy.

As a good omen, and as a token of my fatherly love, I give you, beloved sons, herewith, the Apostolic benediction.

Written in Rome, at St. Peters, on 8th Dec., 1892, the 15th year of my priestly reign.

LEO PP. XIII.

THE NEWLY-DISCOVERED DUMFRIES MSS.

We have great pleasure in publishing the following annotations by Bro. Dr. Begemann on Bro. W. J. Hughan's Notes on the Dumfries MSS.—

"I have to note as to the MSS. discovered since Gould's 'Calendar' as follows:

To add: I. GRAND LODGE FAMILY:
c. *Dowland Branch*: Hughan MS. and Dumfries, No. 1, MS.

e. *Colne Branch*: Carson's MS. (formerly the "Hub") and Clapham MS.

g. *Sundry Forms*: Dumfries, No. 3; but now, as we have three copies of this form, I should like to make another branch thereof, namely:

a. *Harris Branch*. There are two Harris MSS., and the Dumfries MS., No. 3, not being the very original. I want to avoid the latter title, because there are five so named, and the name "Dumfries Branch" would be uncertain.

II. SLOANE FAMILY:

b. *Hope Branch*: Waistell MS.

c. *Altwick Branch*: Watson MS.

d. *Sundry Forms*: Thomas W. Tew MS.

The *William Watso* MS. stands by itself, and would be a member of a supposed "Plot Family."

Now as to your Introduction* I add some remarks in accordance with your wishes.

i. Under "*The Kilwinning MS.*," you say at the conclusion: "that it was a production of the sister Kingdom is evident from its containing a charge in which every man that is a Mason is bound to be leidge-men to the King of England." I cannot agree with you in this conclusion, for the term *King of England* is found in so many copies that we cannot believe all of them to be of Scottish origin. You will find the term in most of the copies of the *Grand Lodge Family* (confer *Freemason*, 1892, July 2nd), namely:

a. *Grand Lodge MS.*, *Phillipps MS.*, Nos. 1 and 2, *Kilwinning MS.* (not in *Cama MS.*).

b. *Dowland MS.*, *Clerke MS.*, *Paillipps MS.*, No. 3, *Papworth MS.*, *Hughan MS.* (not in *York MS.*, No. 6, and *Dumfries MS.*, No. 1.)

c. *York MSS.*, 1, 2, and 5.

d. *Lansdowne MS.*, *Antiquity MS.* (in the *Probity MS.* the charges are missing).

g. *Melrose MS.*, No. 2, *Aberdeen MS.* (not in *Wood MS.* and *Dautesey MS.*).

The words "*of England*" are not in the *Colne*, *Buchanan*, and *Harris Branches*, but they are found in 16 copies of the *Grand Lodge Family*, as well as in the *Spencer Family*, while they are missing in the whole *Sloane Family* and the *Roberts Family*. This being the case, it seems impossible to me that the addition of the words "*of England*" could be a characteristic feature of the Scottish Constitutions, for all these copies are not likely to have come from Scotland. And it would be most astonishing that several copies found in Scotland have not the distinguishing feature, e.g., the *Atcheson-Haven MS.* and the *Dumfries, MSS.*, Nos. 1 and 3. Besides, it is evident from the foot note to the *Melrose MS.*, that the original came from England, and we have the addition also here. Therefore I am of opinion that we are not warranted in making any such conclusion from the addition of the words in question.†

2. The *Dumfries MS.*, No. 1, as reprinted in Smith's *History of the Old Lodge of Dumfries*, is of the *Dowland Branch* of the *Grand Lodge Family*, and especially agrees in various readings with the *York MS.*, No. 6, as reprinted by Bro. Hughan ("Masonic Magazine," VII., p. 370, ff.). In the prayer, both of them add the name of "*Jesus*," and have "*joy*" instead of "*bliss*." The form of address is "*Good Brother and Fellow*" instead of the usual "*Good Brethren and Fellows*." Both MSS. have seven or eight times the obsolete word "*clipped*" in precisely the same passages instead of "*called*" or "*named*" in other copies; besides the two copies always agree in employing the words "*called*" or "*named*." In the *Euclid* legend both say in respect to the reward of his travail, "*as would content him*," and then go on, "*After this was proclaimed*." In the history of *Solomon's Temple* the two agree another time in quite a peculiar passage, viz., "*and gathered together masons of divers countries and sent them into divers lands*." The *St. Alban* legend offers the reading: "*and he was himself a helper to make masons*," and immediately after they agree in the words: "*Presently after the decease of St. Alban*."

These particulars may suffice to show the close resemblance of these two copies, though there are still more remarkable agreements between them. Nevertheless, neither have come from the other, for we meet with some differences which prove that there must have been an older prototype for both of them. So in the history of *Lamech's children* the *Dumfries MS.*, No. 1, is correct in reading: "*By his wife Adah he got two sons and called them Jaball and Tubal*," whilst the *York MS.* changes the latter half of the sentence by writing: "*and called them both Jaball*," afterwards distinguishing "*the elder Sonn Jabell*" and "*the younger Tabell*," where the *Dumfries MS.* has the two correctly. In the *Euclid* legend the *York MS.* reads: "*And that the King and all his Council granted to him one and sealed this comon*," where the *Dumfries MS.* has: "*and that the King and all his council graunt him money and seall his commissione*," where "*anone*," or "*anon*," is the correct reading. Afterwards, for instance, the *King of Tyre* is styled "*Iram*" in the *York MS.*, but "*Jerusalem*" in the *Dumfries MS.* These particulars will do for the time.

(3). The *Harris MS.*, No. 1, as reprinted in the *Freemasons' Chronicle* for April 22nd and 29th, 1882, is not exactly a transcript of the *Dumfries MS.*, No. 3; but they are, both of them, offsprings from an older prototype, sometimes the former being more original, sometimes the latter. The marginal titles of the *Dumfries MS.* are written as superscriptions in the *Harris MS.*, the latter being in some cases more complete and often more correctly arranged, whilst the former are not always in their proper places. Some marginal titles of the *Dumfries MS.* do not appear as superscriptions in the *Harris MS.*, and some superscriptions of the latter MS. are missing as marginal titles in the former, but the corresponding phrases have crept into the running text. Wherefrom we may conclude that

(To be continued.)

*To Bro. Smith's "*History of the Dumfries Lodge, No. 53*" (1892).

†The "*sister Kingdom*" referred to is *England*, and it still appears to me unlikely that any copy of the "*Old Charges*," of actual Scottish origin, would contain the clause in question.

W. J. H.

MASONIC BALL AT BURSLEM.

A most successful ball, in connection with St. Martin's Lodge, No. 98, was held at the Burslem Town Hall, on Thursday. The function had for its aim a most commendable object, and that was to provide an addition to the funds of the Masonic Charities of the Province of Staffordshire. Immediately on the ball being mooted a strong Committee was appointed to make the most complete arrangements possible, with a view to ensuring success, and judging from the results observed that evening, it is highly improbable that their idea has not been achieved. The W.M., Bro. John Scarratt, was, of course, at the head of affairs, and he was loyally supported by the whole of the members of the lodge at Committee in making the necessary arrangements. Too much credit cannot be given to Bro. J. Mason, I.P.M., and Bro. T. K. Pedley, P.M., and present Secretary, whilst the labours of Bros. R. Dain, John Godwin, Frank Weston, A. Boulton, S.W.; F. Bettany, and S. Pointon, the four latter of whom acted as M.C.'s at the ball, must not be forgotten. The large assembly room was decorated for the occasion under the superintendence of Bro. F. Bettany, the decorations being supplied free by Bro. R. Benbow, of the Sutherland Lodge, No. 451. The floor was polished, and the various corridors and stairs were laid with crimson cloth.

Music was supplied by Messrs. Morfey's well-known band, and some 170 participated in the evening's entertainment.

Supper was laid in the Court Room, and the refreshment department was located in the Council Chamber, other rooms on the ground floor being utilised as cloak rooms, where Bro. T. W. Boardman and Mrs. Boardman paid every attention to the requirements of the visitors.

The catering was carried out in the most complete manner, both generally and to the smallest detail, by Bro. W. S. Gordon.

In the dancing room the scene was an exceedingly pretty one. The ladies were, without exception, dressed most becomingly, and the wearing of Masonic clothing relieved very effectively the usual sober black garb of the gentlemen. Here and there the appearance of the scarlet tunic of a member of her Majesty's Forces lent an additional attraction, and altogether the *coup d'oeil* was charming.

The ball could not be termed otherwise than a most successful social function.

NORTH LONDON MASONIC BENEVOLENT BALL

The eighth annual North London Masonic Benevolent Ball took place at the Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday, the 26th ult., and in spite of the unfavourable weather there was a large company present. Dancing commenced at half-past eight, and, with an interval for supper, was continued until the early hours of Friday morning. The Stewards were Bros. F. Kimber Bull, G. Cock, C. W. Davies, E. W. Davis, C. Dearing, jun., W. Lee, A. Oliver, J. Potter, W. F. B. Watts and Hunter. Bros. F. Forge, A. W. Humphreys, and F. J. Humphreys officiated as M.C.'s.

At the supper the President, Bro. HERBERT SPRAKE, in proposing the toast "Success to the Masonic Charities," mentioned that last year the sum of £78 15s. was realised by this gathering, and he believed there would not be any decrease in the contribution this year. He acknowledged the valuable services that had been rendered by Bros. Walter Lincott, the Hon. Sec.; T. Glass, the Hon. Treas.; C. Dearing, the Vice-Chairman; and the Ball Committee.

Other toasts followed, and dancing was afterwards resumed to the strains of Bro. W. Wright's excellent quadrille band.

SOCIETAS ROSICRUCIANA IN SCOTIA.

The West of Scotland College held a meeting in St. John's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on the 28th inst., the V.W. Master of the Temple, D. R. Clark, M.A., 8th, presiding, assisted by Fratres W. S. Hunter, 6th, Deputy Master; T. R. Richards, 4th, Treasurer and Secretary; J. W. Ruddock, J. A. S. Kerr, W. M. Denholm, John McQueen Barr, F. W. Larter, Precentor; Emile Berger, Organist; and W. Ross, Acolyte.

The college having been opened in the form prescribed by the Order, the Rev. Walter Sidney Hildesley, Curate in Charge of St. Margaret's, Aberdeen, and John Robson, County Clerk of Dumfriesshire, presented petitions for admission into the college. The petitions being accepted, they were admitted and instructed in the First Grade. Thereafter the following fratres were advanced to the Grades, viz.: Fratres J. W. Ruddock and Emile Berger, 4th; F. W. Larter, W. M. Denholm, John Sanderson, John McQueen Barr, and J. A. S. Kerr, 4th.

In consequence of the limited time at the disposal of the college to arrange the meeting, the usual paper read on the occasion was abandoned. There being no further business, the college was closed in accordance with ancient usage.

Death.

GEORGE BOLTON.—At midnight on Thursday, the 26th January, 1893, Bro. George Bolton, P.M., Treasurer Lodge Temperance, No. 163; P.Z., Treasurer Chapter No. 109; at his residence, No. 46, Amersham-road, New Cross, in his 79th year.

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. CAPTAIN C. J. KNIGHTLEY, Whose portrait we publish above, was installed W.M. of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, on Tuesday, the 24th ult., a report of which appears in another column.



BRO. ALEXANDER HOWELL, Whose installation is reported in another column, was initiated in the Phoenix Lodge, No. 257, Portsmouth, in 1887, and shortly afterwards joined the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1834, in which he has gradually worked his way through the various offices to the Master's chair. Very soon after his initiation his legal training led him to a systematic course of study in the literature of the Craft, and, in the natural order of things, he joined the Correspondence Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076. An idea soon occurred to him that the usefulness of that Circle would be very materially increased if some arrangement were made whereby local Secretaries in connection with it were appointed in every Masonic province. That suggestion, being made by him to Bro. Speth, P.M., was very soon acted upon, and its value cordially acknowledged by the Permanent Committee of the lodge in its report, dated 25th June, 1888, in which his immediate appointment as "Local Secretary for the Province of Hants was recommended. (See A.Q.C., vol. I, p. 166). The lodge agreed to the recommendation, and Bro. Alexander Howell accordingly became the official Representative of the Circle in Hampshire, a position which he has held ever since, much to the advantage of Freemasonry in general, and the Quatuor Coronati Lodge in particular. Under his persuasion, whilst still below the rank of an Installed Master, some 14 lodges and 50 individual brethren joined the Circle. As a consequence of Bro. Alexander Howell's happy thought of instituting these "Local Secretaries," the Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle is now directly represented by some 57 brethren, whose districts are situated in all parts of the globe, and whose influence for the good of Freemasonry cannot be too highly estimated. Several contributions from his pen have appeared in the Official Transactions of the lodge as well as in our own pages. He has made

a most careful perusal of the minute books of his mother lodge, dating from 20th May, 1786, and has compiled a history of the lodge, which from various causes still awaits publication. In May, 1891, he read a short digest of it before the members of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 257, which was much appreciated. In September, 1888, the subject of our sketch was the prime mover in starting a lodge of instruction in Portsmouth, to the funds of which nearly every lodge in the locality subscribed, and which had a membership of over 100 brethren. For a time it did excellent work, as in addition to the Three Degrees and the installation ceremony, the Sections were regularly worked, but like so many other lodges of instruction, the attendance after a time became so scanty that the undertaking was reluctantly discontinued, notwithstanding its strong financial position and the large number of subscribing members upon its roll. Bro. Alexander Howell has served as a Steward and is a Life Governor of each of the three Central Masonic Charities. In the Hants and Isle of Wight Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution he is a Vice-Patron and Past Steward, and he has also served as a Steward and is a Life Governor of the Mark Benevolent Fund. His Masonic investigations have not been confined to the Craft, as he is a subscribing member of nearly every Masonic Order. He was one of the founders of the St. Clair Chapter (R.A.), No. 2074. In the Mark Degree he is S.W. in the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 62, and R. of M. in the Phoenix Lodge, No. 2, whilst he is a P.P.G.R. in the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Hants. He is J. in the Carnarvon Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, No. 63; T.I.M. elect in the Carnarvon Council of Royal and Select Masters, in which Degree he is also a life member of the Constantine Council, No. 2. In the Ancient and Accepted Rite he holds the office of Captain of the Guard in the Royal Naval Chapter of Rose Croix, No. 9, whilst he is Herald in the Royal Naval Preceptory and Priory, No. 2, and Past Prov. Captain of Guard in the Provincial Priory of Hants, and, lastly, he holds the office of M.P.S. in the Naval and Military Conclave, Red Cross, No. 35, and of P.P. and M.E.C. in the Sanctuary and Commandery attached thereto. He has also taken the Degrees of the Swedenborgian Rite, the Rosicrucians, and Secret Monitor.

Obituary.

THE LATE BRO. COL. MARMADUKE RAMSAY.

The district of Malta has been thrown into the deepest grief at the untimely loss of its District Grand Master, the late Col. Marmaduke Ramsay, which sad event took place at his residence, No. 10, Strada Mezzodi, Valletta, Malta, on Monday, the 23rd ult., at six o'clock, p.m., after a long and tedious illness, during which his remaining strength and energy were not relaxed for a moment in furthering the interests of the district, which had attained such a height of success and prosperity during his nearly five years' administration. Our deceased brother, during his summer sojourn in England, had been under the care of the most eminent physicians, and benefitted sufficiently in health to be able to attend the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, held on the 7th September last, when, by the right of R.W. the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, D.G.M., and acting M.W.G.M., as Deputy Grand Master, it will be remembered, he seconded, in a most appropriate and encouraging speech, the vote in aid of the sufferers from the disastrous fire at St. John's, Newfoundland. It was, however, observed with concern amongst his immediate friends that his health was far from being established, and a desire was entertained that he would recognise the absolute necessity of temporarily relinquishing his Masonic duties in favour of that rest and retirement which were confidently expected to restore him to health, years being in his favour, as contrary to the opinion likely to be arrived at during his indisposition, he was only 59. Returning to Malta, it was early discernible that he had not realised the fervent hopes of the members of his district, amongst whom he was so beloved, and every effort was exercised by his officers to render the duties of his position as light as possible, the Craft and Royal Arch work being entirely undertaken by his deputy, Bro. J. W. Starkey, while the Mark was ably governed by Bro. W. Pariente, D.D.G.M. Notwithstanding the abundant assistance at his disposal, his enfeebled energies were heroically devoted to the responsibilities of his charge, issuing his orders to the District Grand Secretary, Bro. Hamilton Sharpe, who received them at his bedside up to three days before his death. His death was the consummation of a resolution to give the remaining years of his life to Masonry, and it was his proud privilege to realise his most ardent desire, dying in harness at the head of his district. During his five years' administration, the District of Malta has attained unprecedented eminence, the various Masonic bodies being in a condition, at the present time, both numerically and financially, far in advance of the brightest anticipations he could have realised. The cause of Charity was foremost in his mind, and which is sufficiently marked by the re-formation of the Malta Masonic Charities Association, which has done invaluable services amongst the distressed brethren and their families in the district, while still holding a substantial fund in money and voting power. He lately visited Tunis in company with his old and valued colleague in Masonry, Bro. John Kenyon, E.L. Dist., on an attempt to revive the Craft in that country, but circumstances were found unfavourable to his project.

The formation of a District Grand Chapter was the reward of his labours, and in Mark Masonry he was unceasingly active, Lodge No. 248 being called after him in recognition of his efforts. The R.A. Chapter No. 1722 is also named after him. The last words uttered by our lamented brother were in anxious enquiry for the Order in general, and it is gratifying, at least, to know that in the matter of the affairs of his district he died in perfect contentment that every effort had been exercised on his part to render his stewardship one of unexampled excellence. Bro. the Rev. S. St. A. Baylee, Chaplain H.M.S. Edinburgh, was constant in attendance upon our deceased brother. The funeral, which took place on the following Wednesday, was a most imposing one. Agreeable to the wishes of the deceased, his body was borne on a gun carriage, covered with a pall, the coffin being literally hidden from view with wreaths of fresh flowers from his numerous friends, and from the several lodges in the district. A number of carriages followed the remains to the Ta Braxia cemetery, the pall bearers being Bro. Starkey, D.D.G.M.; Sir Victor Houlton, Bart.; Col. Hughes, Captain Warden, A.S.C.; Mr. Harry, and Bro. Captain Wyncoll, D.A.A.G. His Excellency the Governor was represented by Captain Mosley, A.D.C. A wreath was also sent from His Excellency and Lady Smyth. The funeral service was most impressively performed by Bro. Rev. Mr. Baylee, the appearance of the members of the Order, bearing wreaths, and one and all visibly affected, being extremely touching. The deceased, who was the son of Sir Alexander, Bart., and Lady Ramsay, served with distinction in the Indian Mutiny, being afterwards employed in the administrative service of that country. In public and private life he was alike beloved; his piety and charity, his modest courtesy and kindly sympathy with all classes, irrespective of rank or position, had exalted him to the estimate to which a good man could aspire. He leaves a widow, son and daughter to mourn his loss. The late Bro. Col. Ramsay was initiated into Masonry 14th January, 1864, in Lodge No. 988; Fellow Craft, 25th February, 1864; Master Mason 16th April, 1864; appointed and served as Junior Warden 1865; served as W.M. of his mother lodge for the year 1866; elevated to the Degree of M.M.M. in Lodge No. 98, 6th December, 1867; sat as W.M. for that lodge for the year 1873; exalted to the Degree of Royal Arch in Chapter No. 782, 23rd October, 1865; served as P.Z. for the year 1874; Royal Ark Mariner in Lodge No. 221, January 1879; C.N. 1879; District Grand Master Punjab, 24th December, 1874, to 24th February, 1882; District Grand Master Malta, 9th January, 1888, until his death on the 23rd January, 1893; Grand Superintendent R.A., Punjab, 3rd June, 1875, to 24th February, 1882; Grand Superintendent R.A., Malta, 21st May, 1888, until his death; K.T. Preceptory 53, 23rd Oct., 1863; K.M. Priory 53, 17th February, 1872; E. 8, and E. 8, 53 and 37, 1873, 1876, 1891; Prov. Grand Almoner Bengal, 1873; Prov. Grand Sub-Prior Mediterranean, 9th April, 1888; Prov. Grand Prior Mediterranean, 22nd April, 1889; Red Cross and Knights of Rome and Constantine, Conclave 53, 27th February, 1872; J.E., 1874; M.P., Sov., 1875; Knight of the Holy Sepulchre, 18th February, 1874; E.C., 1875; Lieut.-Gen. Punjab, 1875 to 1882; R.C. 18th Chapter 26, 14th April, 1872; M.W.S., 1873; 30°, 31st May, 1877; 31°, 10th October, 1877; 32°, 14th February, 1878; Knight of Constantinople, 9th January, 1866; Royal and Select G. of Sup. E.M., Constantinian Council, 30th January, 1888; installed T.I.M. June, 1892; Royal Order of Scotland, Bruce Chapter, 12th July, 1889; Prov. Grand J. Warden of ditto, London Provinces, 4th July, 1890; served as Steward R.M.I. for Boys 1878; R.M.I. for Girls 1879, 1884, 1888; R.M. Ben. Inst. 1880; Life Gov. of all three Institutions, Charity jewel with tricolor ribbon and three clasps; Steward Mark Ben. Fund 1889, Life Sub. and Charity jewel; sat as M.W.G.M. of England, September, 1888, and September, 1890.

BRO. WILLIAM ANDREWS ROGERS, B.A., M.B. CAMBS., M.R.C.S. ENG., P.M. and P.Z. 1549, P.P.S.G.W. and P.G.D.C. (R.A.) MIDDIX.

Seldom is such a gathering seen of respect and reverence for a worthy and distinguished friend and brother as that of Thursday, the 25th ult., in the lovely village church and surroundings of Great Stanmore, when all classes, high and low, testified in the most feeling manner the loss of their dear old friend and companion, Bro. Dr. Rogers, at the age of 67, after a short illness of only a few weeks. Our brother was unable (for the first time in many years) to appear in his usual place at an emergency lodge meeting on December 14th last, and, although he received every possible attention and assistance from Drs. Burrow, Gowan, and Cornish, with skilled hospital nurses, he succumbed to a painful malady, which had long troubled him, on the 21st ult. Bro. Dr. Rogers was for a long time the medical authority of the parish of Great Stanmore, in which he was born, and with his father had been divisional surgeon to the police for over 50 years, and it was only in July last that they presented him with a handsome meerschaum pipe and silver-mounted malacca cane on his resigning that position; and the gathering on that day was one to be long remembered by the Force. Both father and son had been churchwardens of the parish for many years, and he was also one of the earliest supporters of the Volunteer movement, ranking as an Ensign in the then 47th Middlesex, January, 1861. He was a good shot, and won several prizes in 1862-3, and, although of late years unable to take any active part in the corps (now 9th Middlesex), the whole company turned out with their band, the

police, Freemasons, friends, and tradesmen, forming a long procession at his funeral, to the solemn strains of the Dead March in "Saul." The Union Jack was half mast high at the church, where a very large congregation had assembled, and a most affecting and solemn service—three volleys fired by the volunteers over his grave—was a most fitting finish to a noble and unselfish career. In Masonry our brother was initiated in the old Watford Lodge, No. 580, in October, 1860, but took no active part until he assisted in establishing the Abercorn Lodge, No. 1549, at Great Stanmore, in 1875. He was afterwards exalted in the Stanmore Chapter attached to that lodge, and passed through the several chairs with great credit, for which he was rewarded with high honours in both Craft and Royal Arch of Middlesex. His rendering of the beautiful rituals was always marvellously impressive, more especially the installation. His whole soul was engaged in every ceremony. Being a bachelor, only a few distant relatives mourn his loss. Numerous and lovely wreaths bedecked his coffin, but sympathy from the poor in particular, and the residents of the neighbourhood whom he had professionally attended for so many years, showed how much they felt his loss, and that another of the old landmarks had joined the great majority full of years and honours.

BRO. JAMES THORMAN.

It is with deep regret we notice the death of Bro. James Thorman, an esteemed friend and brother, and well known in the district and town of Bury, Lancashire. He had generally enjoyed good health, but was taken seriously ill last week. Dr. Mitchell was called in, but Bro. Thorman died, as stated, on Sunday evening, the cause of death being pneumonia and failure of the heart's action. He was initiated in the Relief Lodge, No. 42, some 25 years ago, and has been a subscribing member ever since then. He was a thorough hard worker, and about 19 years ago the brethren made him Tyler, which position he has held ever since. He was also a Royal Arch and Mark Mason and Knights Templar. There were a large number of brethren present at the funeral, to show their last token of respect to one so beloved by all who knew him.

BRO. GEORGE BOLTON

We deeply regret to report the death of this distinguished brother, which event took place on Saturday, the 28th ult., after a short illness. He was initiated in the Temperance Lodge, No. 169, on the 30th May, 1850, and obtained the chair in 1857. He joined the Lodge of Justice, No. 147, in 1853, and served the Mastership upon three occasions—in 1856, 1859, and 1878; he joined the Crystal Palace Lodge in 1859, and resigned his membership in 1867. He was also one of the founders of the Excelsior Lodge, No. 1155, in 1867, and remained a member of Lodges Nos. 147, 169, and 1155 until his decease. In Royal Arch Masonry he was equally zealous, having been exalted in the Domestic Chapter, No. 177, in 1858, and became M.E.Z. in 1875; he was also one of the founders and first M.E.Z. of the Temperance Chapter, No. 169, in 1862, and again served as First Principal in 1865. In conjunction with three others, he founded the present system of Masonic Charitable Associations which have done so much to enhance the funds of the three Charities, and the by-laws of which have been, with slight alterations, those of nearly every one since established. The first one formed was called the South-Eastern Masonic Charitable Association. Yet not alone in this condition of his Masonic career did he do good. At every election he took a warmly interest in the success of the candidates, and especially those from the S.E. District of London, in which he stood alone as an exemplar of what a Mason should be, many a widow and distressed brother received assistance from him, and with no stinted hand. One of his last acts was to release an old friend and brother from a payment of a debt of over £1000. He was a keen supporter of the Institutions, of all of which he was a Vice-President, he served six Stewardships to the Benevolent Institution, and three to each of the Schools. His funeral will take place to-day (Friday), at Nunhead Cemetery, amidst the sorrowful regrets of a large body of brethren who mourn his loss as that of a dear personal friend, and one whose place in the Order, and especially in the District of Deptford none can adequately fill. Peace to his memory!

BRO. WILLIAM GODFREY WINTER.

This worthy brother died rather suddenly on the evening of the 19th ult., and was interred in the family vault in Belton Churchyard on Monday, the 23rd ult. A large number of friends of the family and acquaintances of the deceased followed his remains to his last resting-place. Bro. Winter was a good Freemason, and a number of brethren from Crowle, Epworth, Thorne, Doncaster, &c., attended the funeral. He was a P.M. of 1482, a P.M. (Mark) of 387, also a Prov. G. Officer of Lincolnshire, and a companion in the Magdalen Chapter (R.A.) of Doncaster. Bros. J. Constable, A. L. Peace, S. C. Ashlin, J. H. Bletcher, F. Turner, and T. Barber represented St. Nicholas's Lodge, No. 2259; W. Master, R. Brunyee, A. Taylor, Fox, Wressell, Naylor, Chamberlain, J. Turner, G. Robinson, Drury, R. Wood, and Cundall represented 1482; and J. F. Hanson, 242. Amongst other friends were Messrs. T. Allan, S. Acaster, R. Coulman, T. W. Askren, J. Ross, S. Dixon, T. Birkinshaw, J. Lockwood, and W. Standing. On Sunday the brethren of the Isle of Axholme Lodge attended Belton Church in token of his memory, and the two lodges, Crowle and Thorne are now draped in mourning.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, February 11, 1893.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries for Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

RAFT LODGES.

142, St. Thomas's, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
1577, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.
1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1928, Gallery, Anderton's Hotel.
1949, Brixton, Horns Tavern.
2202, Regent's Park, York and Albany Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.
Duke of Connaught, Navarino Tavern, Navarino-road, Dalston, at 8.
Eccleston, Bro. Dickie's, 13, Cambridge-street, Fimlico, at 7.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
Manchester, Old King's Arms, Poland-street, W., at 8.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
Star, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E., at 7.
Urban, Freemasons' Hall.
Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kito-road, St. Katherine's-park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.
Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Ho., 14, King-st., Regent-st., W., 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

RAFT LODGES.

12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel.
144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hotel.
188, Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern.
256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.
1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
1025, Tredegar, London Tavern.
1669, Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1924, Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Brockley.
2098, Harlesden, National Schools, Harlesden.
2242, Tyssen-Amherst, Club House, Amherst-road.
2400, Brentford, Castle Assembly Rooms, Brentford.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Blackheath, Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
Carnarvon, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 6.30.
Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snarebrook, at 8.
Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.
Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Atlantic-road, Brixton, at 8.
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Marquess of Ripon, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Marc-st., at 8.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
Perseverance, Ye Old Cheshire Cheese, 23, Addle-street, Wood street, E.C., at 7.
Rose of Denmark, L. & S.W.R. Institute, Wandsworth-rd., 7.30.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.
St. Ambrose, Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Ken-sington, at 8.
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) at 8.
St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
Savage Club, Albion Tavern, Russell-street, at 8.
Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8.
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.
Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-road, Hackney, and 4th Mon., at 8.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., Upper Norwood, at 8.
Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8.
Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.
Israel Chapter, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road.
Lewis Chapter, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
North London Chapter, Grosvenor Hotel, Canonbury, at 7.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
1050, Victoria, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
1015, Bayard, 33, Golden-square.
1891, St. Ambrose, St. James's Hall, Piccadilly.
2108, Empire, Criterion.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

Colonial Board, at 4.

RAFT LODGES.

9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.
18, Old Dundee, Cannon-street Hotel.
101, Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.
217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel.
705, St. James, Bridge House Hotel.
1150, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-square.
1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, West India Dock-road.
1261, Golden Rule, Cafe Royal.
1381, Kennington, Horns Tavern.
1397, Anerley, Clarence Hall.
1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
1693, Kingsland, Cock Tavern.
2128, United Northern Counties, Inns of Court Hotel.
2150, Tivoli, Frascati Restaurant, 31, Oxford-street.
2190, Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall.
2398, Holborn, Holborn Restaurant.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
Clarence and Avondale, Masonic Hall, Leytonstone E., at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.
Clarence, 14, Fitzroy-square, at 7.30.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt's Town, Poplar, at 8.
Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, corner of Queen's-road and Middle-ton-road, Dalston, E., at 8.
Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 8.
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 8.
Finsbury, The Goose and Gridiron, London House Yard, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 7.30.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30.

Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, 8.
Lily, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8.
Mount Edgumbe, Crown Tavern, Lambeth-road, S.E.
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8.
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street,
E.C., 1st and 2nd Tues., at 6.30.
Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida
Vale, at 8.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Robert Burns, Old King's Arms, Poland-street, W.
St. George's, New Cross Hall, at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-road, at 8.
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., 8.
Warborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

07, Moira, Albion Tavern.
160, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.

MARK LODGES.

315, Henriker, Mark Masons' Hall.
355, Royal Savoy, Criterion.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.
11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
13, Union Waterloo, Freemasons' Hall.
14, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
166, Virtuous, Bridge House Hotel.
749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel.
781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern.
1228, Beacontree, Guildhall Tavern.
1260, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.
1306, St. John, Three Nuns, Aldgate.
1338, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Holborn Restaurant.
1803, Cornhill, London Tavern.
1815, Penge, Thicket Hotel.
1900, Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel.
2177, Rye, Peckham Public Hall.
2347, Grafton, Blanchard's Restaurant.
2362, Bloomsbury Riles, Head-quarters, Chenies-street.
2410, Esculapian, Cafe Royal.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.
Confidence, Deacons' Tavern, 3, Walbrook, at 7.
Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, at 8.
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Duke of Albany, Masons' Arms, 169, Battersea-park-road, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 7.
Earl of Lathom, Joiner's Arms, Denmark Hill, S.E., at 8.
Ebury, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, at 8.
Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.
Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.
Hammersmith, Board Room, Bath and Wash-house Co., Blacks-
road, Hammersmith, at 7.
Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15.
Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Great Portland-street, W., at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.30.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, 7.30.
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.
Mount Lebanon, Half-Moon Hotel, Boro', at 7.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 116, Old Kent-road, at 8.
Plucknett, Bald-faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.
Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knight-riding-street, Doctors Com-
mons, at 7.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushey Green, Catford, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, The Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
St. Leonard, Pr. of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, 8.
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, at 8.
Str. ng Man, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 6.30.
Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane,
Poplar, at 7.30.

United Mariners, Duke of Albany Hotel, Killo-road, Nunhead.
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8.
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W.,
at 7.30.
Warrant Officers, 15, St. Martin's-street, W.C., at 7.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

171, Amity, Cannon-street Hotel.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

CRAFT LODGES.

19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-street Hotel.
91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
234, Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall.
203, Bank of England, Albion Tavern.
534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
80, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel.
879, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel.
1076, Copper, Guildhall Tavern.
1471, Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1596, Skelmersdale, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
1608, Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley.
1791, Creation, Freemasons' Hall.
1804, Coborn, Bow Vestry Hall.
1810, Sir Thomas White, Holborn Restaurant.
1887, Strand, Criterion.
2047, Beckenham, Public Hall, Beckenham.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell-street, Covent Garden, at 8.
Bouquet-Coutte, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Furgoyne, King's Arms, John-street, Bedford-row, at 7.
Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Creation, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., 8.
Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.
Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Lime-
house E., at 7.30.
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.
Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, at 5.30.
Leopold, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7.
Montebello, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Perfect Ashtar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.
Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.
Regent's Park, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch Lane, at 7.30.
Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte-st., Fitzroy-square, W., 8.30.
Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Canterbury, at 8.
St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30.
St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney, at 8.

Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington, 8.
The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30.
Tredgar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow-road, at 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich, 8.
Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 7.30.
Westbourne, The Prince Alfred, 112, Queen's-road, Bays-
water, at 7.
Chaucer Chapter, George Hotel, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8.
Clapton Chapter, Three Sisters Hotel, Hackney Downs, at 8.
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road,
Maida Vale, at 7.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

554, Warborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
1321, Emblematic, Criterion.
1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall.

MARK LODGES.

86, Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.
331, Davison, Mark Masons' Hall.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

117, New Temple, Inns of Court Hotel.

ROSE CROSS.

44, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-square.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

CRAFT LODGES.

33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel.
1201, Electric, Freemasons' Hall.
1559, New Cross, Portland Hotel, Greenwich.
1704, Anchor, Cafe Royal.
1997, John Carpe ter, Albion Tavern.
2399, Ordinance, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Allion, The Swan's Nest, Great Swan Alley, Moorgate street,
E.C., at 7.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.
Crusaders, Southampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30.
Earl of Carnarvon, Kensington-park Hotel, Lancaster road,
Notting-hill, at 8.
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.
Queen's Westminister, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, and
4th Fri., at 7.
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace,
Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8.
Mount Zion Chapter, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney,
and 4th Fri., at 7.30.
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, 8.
Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, S.W.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

6, Friendship, Criterion.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

CRAFT LODGES.

108, London, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
1426, Great City, Cannon-street Hotel.
1436, Mount Edgumbe, Bridge House Hotel.
1607, Loyalty, London Tavern.
1612, West Middlesex, Municipal Buildings, Ealing.
1671, Mizpah, Albion Tavern.
1743, Perseverance, An erton's Hotel.
1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.
1904, Clarksdown, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
2369, Cornish, Mark Masons' Hall.
2384, Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Lower Mitcham.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace.
218, Sterndale Bennett, Surrey Masonic Hall.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Provincial)

For the week ending Saturday, February 11, 1893.

The following is a list of Towns in which the Lodges,
&c., whose numbers are appended, meet at the dates given.
Further particulars of places of meeting, &c., of Craft
Lodges and R.A. Chapters will be found in "The
Freemasons' Calendar," and those of Mark, Rose Croix,
&c., in "The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar," both
published annually at the office of *The Freemason*.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

CRAFT LODGES. Newbury ... 827 Acton ... 1096
Bath ... 53 Gloucester ... 839 Suderland ... 2039
Lynn ... 107 Petersfield ... 928 Harlesden ... 2098
Preston ... 113 Ipswich ... 959 Calstock ... 2166
Whitehaven ... 111 Fowey ... 977 Fairfield ... 2290
Bridgewater ... 135 Altrincham ... 1045 Chesterfield ... 2373
Wakefield ... 154 Rochester ... 1050 R.A. CHAPTERS.
Plymouth ... 156 Lancaster ... 1051 Whitby ... 312
Dover ... 199 Blackley ... 1077 Truro ... 331
Barnstaple ... 251 Birmingham ... 1180 Wakefield ... 1019
Torquay ... 328 Leeds ... 1211 E. St. mehouse 1205
Ross ... 338 Sheffield ... 1239 MARK LODGES.
Leamington ... 395 Exeter ... 1254 Hull ... 12
Gainsborough ... 428 Liverpool ... 1264 Basingstoke ... 57
Northwich ... 438 Halifax ... 1302 Alford ... 209
North Shields ... 431 Bocking ... 1312 Tenby ... 256
Cambridge ... 443 Nottingham ... 1434 Gateshead-on-
Oxford ... 478 Lowestoft ... 1452 Tyne ... 293
Wimborne ... 602 Swansea ... 1573 Shoreham ... 386
Basingstoke ... 694 Wadebridge ... 1954

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Chatham ... 184 Levenshulme ... 993 Landport ... 176
Norwich ... 215 Saltash ... 1071 Walton-on-the-
Brighton ... 315 Ramsgate ... 1209 Naze ... 1799
Pembroke Dock ... 378 Mossley ... 1218 East Retford ... 1804
Reading ... 414 Leeds ... 1221 Snaresbrook ... 1804
Huddersfield ... 521 Canterbury ... 1449 Hull ... 2134
Alford ... 1600 Godalming ... 2101

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

CRAFT LODGES. Liverpool ... 673 Buith ... 1807
Nottingham ... 47 Stroud ... 701 South Shields 1970
Norwich ... 52 Bridlington ... 734 Stratford-on-
Plymouth ... 70 Sutton Coldfield 791 Avon ... 2133
Bristol ... 103 Havant ... 804 Newcastle ... 2260
Hereford ... 120 Honiton ... 847 Southport ... 2295
Durham ... 124 Cambridge ... 859 Manningtree ... 2339
Sheerness ... 158 Linslade ... 918 R.A. CHAPTERS.
Littleboro' ... 226 Cardiff ... 960 Liverpool ... 203
Dudley ... 251 Penryn ... 967 Taunton ... 261
Keighley ... 265 Bradford ... 974 Lincoln ... 297
Nantwich ... 293 Ulverston ... 995 Bradford ... 608
Brighton ... 315 Cockermonth ... 1202 Chesterfield ... 681
Oxford ... 340 Aberystwith ... 1072 Beaminster ... 707
Neath ... 364 Salford ... 1134 Deal ... 784
Pembroke Dock ... 375 Ilminster ... 1245 Tunbridge Wells 874
Berwick ... 393 E. Stonehouse 1205 Birmingham ... 931
South Molton ... 421 Weston-super- Monkswearmouth 1414
Halifax ... 448 Mare ... 1222 York ... 1611
Monmouth ... 457 Plymouth ... 1247 Wilmington ... 1837
Gloucester ... 493 Brigg ... 1242 Hull ... 2134
Shipley Gate ... 500 Wrexham ... 1336 MARK LODGES.
Liskeard ... 510 N. Woolwich 1474 Carlisle ... 60
Folkestone ... 558 Amwich ... 1483 Leeds ... 111
Malton ... 660 Southampton ... 1780 Gravesend ... 364
Padstow ... 1785

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Darlington ... 111 St. Austell ... 496 St. Helens ... 897
Whitnave ... 119 Manchester ... 581 Edmonton ... 1237
Weymouth ... 170 Aylesbury ... 591 Newquay ... 1538
Batley ... 204 Cleckheaton ... 603 Ealing ... 1612
Maryport ... 371 Woolwich ... 700 Kingston Hill 1638
Broadstairs ... 429 Lee ... 704 Huddersfield ... 1783
Halifax ... 448 Richmond ... 820 Buckingham ... 1787
Croydon ... 463 Surrey ... 820 Slough ... 1834

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

CRAFT LODGES. Reading ... 1101 Middlesboro' ... 1818
Guernsey ... 84 Tiverton ... 1145 Oldham ... 1839
Bolton ... 146 Ilfracombe ... 1135 Amble ... 1879
Bristol ... 107 Heaton Moor ... 1145 Hove ... 1917
Manchester ... 204 Seaton ... 1181 Maidstone ... 2046
Ipswich ... 235 Ramsgate ... 1209 Manchester ... 2155
Jersey ... 244 Aldershot ... 1331 Hampton Court 2181
Hull ... 250 Newcastle ... 1341 Grimby ... 2184
Olaham ... 277 Liverpool ... 1356 Wavertree ... 2291
Stockport ... 313 Dalton-in-Fur- Middlewich ... 2387
Dudley ... 493 ness ... 1398 R.A. CHAPTERS.
Seaham Har- Workington ... 1402 Manchester ... 61
bour ... 661 Ormskirk ... 1403 Portsmouth ... 257
Abe dare ... 670 Haywards ... 1403 Shepton Mallett 285
Derby ... 731 Heath ... 1465 Rochdale ... 295
Llandudno ... 755 Liverpool ... 1547 Crewe ... 311
Worthing ... 851 Hebburn-on- Holmfirth ... 652
Shaw ... 854 Tyne ... 1643 Barrow-in-Fur-
Birmingham ... 1031 Eye ... 1693 ness ... 1011
Tamworth ... 1080 Witney ... 1703 MARK LODGES.
Burnley ... 1084 Grange-over- Wigan ... 159
Stalybridge ... 1083 Sands ... 1715 Chorley ... 313
Ivybridge ... 1091 Manchester ... 1795 Swindon ... 401
Liverpool ... 1091

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Chatham ... 30 Middlesboro' ... 602 Herne Bay ... 2099
Ryde ... 175 Liverpool ... 1264 Hendon ... 2266
Bingley ... 439 Sowerby Bridge 1283 Beckenham ... 2266
Haverfordwest 404 Bromley ... 1803

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

CRAFT LODGES. Manchester ... 1055 Guildford ... 2234
Hinckley ... 50 Lytham ... 1001 Worthington ... 2285
Sunderland ... 97 Tredgar ... 1098 Bedford ... 2343
Exeter ... 112 Stoke Damarel 1039 Colville ... 2418
Southampton ... 130 Denbigh ... 1143 Manchester ... 2419
Sheffield ... 139 Accrington ... 1145 R.A. CHAPTERS.
Bury ... 191 Liverpool ... 1184 Colchester ... 51
Liverpool ... 216 Malvern ... 1204 Devonport ... 201
Preston ... 333 Eccles ... 1213 Garston ... 220
Radcliffe ... 344 Chorlton-cum- Guernsey ... 243
Farnworth ... 350 Hardy ... 1387 Coventry ... 254
Wincanton ... 437 Thirsk ... 1416 Huddersfield ... 275
Peterborough ... 443 Matlock Bath ... 1495 Rugby ... 502
Birkenhead ... 477 Oxford ... 1515 Aldershot ... 723
Longton ... 540 Towyn ... 1583 Wisbech ... 809
Guisborough ... 501 Waterfoot ... 1697 Bantley ... 1513
Salisbury ... 586 Clevedon ... 1750 Pontypriid ... 1575
Brighton ... 732 Northampton ... 1911 MARK LODGES.
Birmingham ... 739 Whitstable ... 1915 Linslade ... 97
Littleborough ... 816 Cardiff ... 1992 Stockton ... 122
Walsend ... 991 Alton ... 2016 Southport ... 268
Liverpool ... 1035 Westbury ... 2247 Leeds ... 374

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Plymouth ... 70 Gravesend ... 483 Hatfield ... 1580
Gravesend ... 77 Hydes Cross ... 591 Leyton ... 1085
Liverpool ... 203 Rochester ... 1050 Snanklin ... 1884
Batley ... 204 Sudbury ... 1244 Carshilton ... 1891
Leeds ... 289 Wimbledon ... 1360 Carshalton ... 1973
Romford ... 1437

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

CRAFT LODGES. Mirfield ... 1103 R.A. CHAPTERS.
Cardiff ... 36 Hull ... 1605 Leeds ... 306
Woodbridge ... 81 Newark-on- Brighton ... 811
Weymouth ... 170 Trent ... 1661 Harrogate ... 1001
Hulme ... 815 Southwold ... 1983 MARK LODGES.
Ripon ... 357

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Richmond, Yorks 123 Bristol ... 326 Saltash ... 1071
Bristol ... 587 Birmingham ... 587 Leicester ... 1391
Jersey ... 244 Southend ... 1000 Bristol (Province)
Keighley ... 205 Bradford ... 1034

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

CRAFT LODGES. Leeds ... 266 Didsbury ... 2359
Portishead ... 1755 Croydon ... 2040 Lower Mitcham 2384
Landport ... 1990 St. Mary Cray 2147

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Birkenhead ... 478

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The regular monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday next, the 5th instant, at 4 p.m. On this occasion the number of vacancies on the two Funds, to be completed for at the May election, will be declared.

The Duke and Duchess of St. Albans, who arrived in town towards the close of last week, will remain for a fortnight, and then go to Prestwood Park, and there remain till Easter.

The Queen held a Council at Osborne, at which there were present the Earl of Kimberley, Viscount Oxenbridge, Sir William Harcourt, and Bro. the Right Hon. G. J. Shaw-Lefevre. The Hon. George Denman was sworn in a member of the Privy Council.

The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Clarence House, from Germany, where he has been present at the weddings of his daughter, the Princess Marie of Edinburgh, and his niece, the Princess Margaret of Prussia, on Sunday morning last, and has since resumed his official duties at Devonport.

The Duke of Connaught arrived at Buckingham Palace from Berlin, on Monday morning, where he had represented the Queen at the marriage of the Princess Margaret of Prussia. The following day he visited her Majesty at Osborne, and has since resumed his military duties at Portsmouth.

The Archduke Francis Ferdinand of Austria, who for some time past has been travelling in the East, arrived in Calcutta on Wednesday morning, and was most cordially received by the Viceroy and the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, the streets from the station to Government House being lined by troops.

The eighth anniversary dinner of the Junior Engineering Society was held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Saturday evening last, under the presidency of Dr. John Hopkinson, F.R.S.; Bro. Sir Frederick Abel, and Mr. W. H. White, C.B., Assistant Controller of the Navy, being among the principal guests.

The annual ball, in connection with the Constitutional Lodge, was held in the Assembly Rooms, Beverley, on Thursday, the 26th ult., and was a success, there being 180 guests. Mr. Evans' band supplied the music, and Mrs. Green the supper. Bros. J. F. Elwell and W. W. Westerby were the M.C.'s. Dancing was kept up till four o'clock the following morning.

The Princess of Wales and her daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, are still at Sandringham, but the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York left their Norfolk residence for London, on Monday, in order to be present at the opening of Parliament. In the evening their Royal Highnesses, with the Duke of Edinburgh and Lord Mayor Knill, were present at the second Smoking Concert given during the present season by the Royal Amateur Orchestra Society.

The annual Masonic ball in connection with the Province of Monmouthshire took place at the Westgate Hotel, Newport, on the 27th ult. Guests were present from all parts of the county to the number of 120—including Bros. George Eliot, C.C. Lyne, Capt. Homfray, Capt. Powell (Monmouth), and the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Host Dean catered in his usual satisfactory style, and the ball room and supper room had been handsomely decorated.

The marriage of the Earl of Dalkeith, eldest son of the Duke of Buccleugh, with the Hon. Margaret Brideman, daughter of Viscount Newport, and granddaughter of Bro. the Earl of Bradford, was solemnised in St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, on Monday. The Archbishop of York officiated, and among those present were the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke and Duchess of Buccleugh, the French Ambassador, Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Zetland, Bro. Lord and Lady George Hamilton, and Bro. Lord and Lady Claud Hamilton.

Among the recent arrivals in town may be mentioned Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn, from Dublin; the Duke and Duchess of Leeds, the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry, from Mount Stewart, County Down; the Marquis of Bristol, the Earl of Wemyss, Bro. Earl and Countess Cowper, Bro. the Earl of Yarborough, Bro. the Earl of Wharcliffe, and Bro. the Earl of Feversham. Bro. the Marquis of Waterford has left town for Ismailia, and will be joined by the Marchioness, and the Ladies Susan and Clodagh Beresford, at Brindisi, on the 5th instant.

We regret to record the death of Bro. E. J. Sears, Superintendent of the South-Eastern Railway, which took place at New Eltham last week after a long illness from typhoid fever. The remains were interred at St. Nicholas Church, Sevenoaks, the service being conducted by the Rev. J. S. Bartlett, Vicar of St. John's Sevenoaks, in the presence of a large assemblage of friends, officials, and staff, who attended to the number of between 600 and 700, to pay a last tribute of respect to the deceased. A special train left Charing Cross at 11.30 a.m., to which a truck conveying the funeral car was attached at Chislehurst, and on arrival at Sevenoaks the cortege was formed and headed by the brass band of the company, of which Bro. Sears was President, proceeded to the church. The coffin and car were covered with wreaths and other floral emblems which had been sent from all parts of the line.

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The Annual Festival in aid of the funds of the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland-road, N.E., will be held at the Hôtel Métropole, on the 1st May next, under the presidency of Bro. the Duke of Portland.

A concert in aid of the Princess Mary Adelaide's Training Home for Servants was given at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, on Tuesday evening, the Princess Mary herself and the Princess May being present.

A terrible fire occurred at a cotton mill in Baka, Japan, on the 20th December last, by which it is estimated that quite 300 lives were lost. The bodies of 88 persons, mostly girls, have been already recovered.

Bro. the Marquis of Salisbury has promised to open the Liverpool Overhead Electric Railway, to-morrow (Saturday.) The line is seven miles long, and is reported to be the most important one of its kind in existence.

The Duchess of Albany and suite left Esher for Victoria, travelling thence by the London Chatham and Dover line to Queenborough, where they embarked for Flushing. Her Royal Highness's visit to her sister, the Queen Regent of the Netherlands, will extend over about ten days.

At a banquet given in Sydney, New South Wales, on Saturday last, on the occasion of the cricket match between New South Wales and Victoria, Bro. the Earl of Jersey expressed regret at finding himself under the necessity of resigning his post of Governor of the former colony.

The Duchess of Albany was very cordially greeted on the occasion of her visit on Monday evening to the Galleries of the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours. After presenting a number of prizes to the successful competitors at various examinations, her Royal Highness declared the Exhibition open.

The Fanmakers' Company gave a dance at the Cannon-street Hotel on Thursday evening, at which the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress and Bro. Sir Augustus and Lady Harris were present. After supper the Master of the Company, Mr. Ritter, presented the Fanmakers with a handsome silver loving-cup for future use.

A destructive earthquake occurred early on Tuesday morning on the Island of Zante, one of the Ionian Islands, by which great damage to property has been done, accompanied, it is said, by great loss of life. The same day the Island of Stromboli was visited by an earthquake, which was followed by an eruption from the volcano on the island.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Renals presided at the third annual dinner in support of the Music Hall Benevolent Fund, which was held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Tuesday evening, among the principal guests being Bros. Alderman F. Green and Sir Augustus Harris. Donations and subscriptions to the amount of close on £500 were announced in the course of the evening.

The Prince of Wales and the Duke of York were present at the debate in the House of Lords on Tuesday, the Ladies' Gallery being crowded, those present including the Duchesses of Devonshire, Newcastle, Somerset, and Cleveland, the Marchionesses of Zetland and Tweeddale, the Countesses of Sefton, Arran, Denbigh, Waldgrave, Ancaster, Darley, Spencer, Dudley, Cadogan, Lichfield, Lauderdale, and Temple, and Ladies Sudeley, Aberdare, Thring, Holford, Addington, and Brassey.

A Masonic ball took place at the County Assembly Rooms, Derby, on Tuesday, the 31st ult., about 140 ladies and gentlemen being present. The members of the Craft appeared in Masonic clothing, and the result was charming and effective. Bro. W. H. Wheeler assisted Bro. E. Horne to discharge the duties of M.C. The ball room was tastefully decorated with plants and drapery, the former being supplied by Mr. Lewis, Kedge-street, and the latter by Bro. Arm. The music was supplied by Mr. Burdett, and the supper was provided by Bro. Raynor.

There was an attendance of about 200 at the Masonic ball at the Bath Salons, Torquay, on the 25th ult., in aid of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, and Widows of Freemasons. At one end of the saloon, Mlle. Cassavetti, with characteristic kindness, held a stall for the sale of flowers, by means of which £11 was realised for the Institution. The balcony was draped with flags which, together with those in the large saloon, were lent by Bro. Hussey, of the Imperial Hotel. Dancing commenced at half-past nine, Miss Bailey's band supplying the music.

THE WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.—The financial statement of this Charity, which will be presented to a meeting of the Court of Governors at an early date, shows that the balance last year was £638. The receipts from the ball were £452, and from donations and subscriptions from lodges, chapters, &c., £1065, which, with lesser items, gave a total of £1633, while the income from interest account was £767. The sum of £300 had been paid on account of mortgage on the Music Hall, the gross total income for the year reaching £3339. A sum of £1572 had been paid during 1892 for the education, clothing, maintenance, and advancement of children on the foundation, and £211 as one year's proportion of the cost of nine presentations to certain institutions where the children are fully maintained, clothed, and educated.

The guests at the Parliamentary dinner given by the Prime Minister on Monday, included the Speaker, the Mover and Second of the Address, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Chief Secretary for Ireland, the Home Secretary, Bro. G. J. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., and the Attorney and Solicitor-General. Among those at the dinner given by the Earl of Kimberley as Ministerial leader in the House of Lords, were Bro. Lord Herschell (Lord Chancellor), Bro. the Marquis of Breadalbane, Earl Spencer, Bro. Lord Carrington, Viscount Oxenbridge, Bros. Lords Kensington and Leigh, Bro. Lord Brassey, K.C.B.; Bros. the Dukes of Atholl and Abercorn, Bros. the Marquises of Hertford, Zetland, and Headfort, the Marquis of Londonderry, Bro. the Earls of Albemarle, Mount Edgumbe, Egmont, Onslow, Limerick, Yarborough, Dunraven, Lathom, and Wharcliffe; and Bros. Lords Balfour of Burleigh, Henniker, B. Bourne, Halsbury, Ashburne, and Wantage were among those who dined with Lord Salisbury in Arlington-street; and Bros. Sir E. Clarke, Q.C.; Sir John Gorst, Q.C.; Sir W. Hart Dyke, Bart.; Lord George Hamilton, A. Akers-Douglas, Sir James Fergusson, Bart.; Sir M. Hicks-Beach, and Lord R. Churchill were among those who dined with Bro. A. J. Balfour.

Bro. John Bott will be installed W.M. of the Brixton Lodge, No. 1949, on Saturday (to-day), the 4th inst., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington. Installation at 5.30, banquet at 7.

The consecration of the Duke of York Lodge, No. 2447, will take place at the Palatine Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday, the 23rd inst. Bro. Col. L. Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.M., will preside.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to accept a copy of Miss Whitmore Jones's book on "Games of Patience," which contains instructions for playing more than 100 different games. It is said that her Majesty is a great patience player.

Bro. the Earl of Lonsborough continues to make satisfactory progress towards recovery from his recent serious illness, but the condition of Bro. Lord Stalbridge, though he is reported to be a shade better, is such as to cause very great anxiety.

The marriage of Miss Mabel Florence White, elder daughter of Bro. Samuel White, of Queen Anne Lodge, Lordship Park, to Archibald Jamieson, Esq., of Melrose, took place on the 26th ult. The ceremony was performed at St. John the Evangelist Church, Brownswood Park.

On the 27th ult., a Masonic ball was held in the Town Hall, Rhyl, under the auspices of the Caradoc Lodge. The proceeds will be divided between the Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital, Rhyl, and the North Wales Masonic Charitable Association.

The second annual ball and concert of the City of London Police (by the kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Smith, the Commissioner), will be held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Monday, the 13th inst., in aid of the City Police Convalescent Home Fund. The music will be supplied by the City Police Band, in the Grand Hall, and Mr. Cohen's Quadrille Band in the Pillar Hall.

On Saturday, the 28th ult., Bro. the Earl of Euston, Deputy Grand Master of Mark Masons, assisted by Bro. Col. A. B. Cook, P.G.M. Middlesex, and Bro. Colonel Noel Money, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey, consecrated the Tuscan Lodge, No. 458, at Mark Masons' Hall. Bro. Frank Richardson, Grand Reg., was afterwards installed as the first Master of the new lodge by Bro. C. F. Matier, Grand Sec. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in our next.

MASONIC PRESENTATION.—An interesting ceremony took place at the last dinner of the Committee of Inspection in connection with the Grand Lodge of Ireland, when a handsome presentation was made to Dr. George B. White, who for some years past has most generously placed his musical abilities at the service of the committee. The presentation, which took the form of a gold watch and chain, was made by the Rev. B. Gibson, M.A., as acting chairman on behalf of the subscribers. Dr. White tendered his thanks in suitable terms.

The annual ball of the Doric Lodge, No. 2353, was held on Friday, the 27th ult., in the Hulme Town Hall, and proved very successful. There were about 70 present. The room had been prettily decorated for the occasion, and capital music had been provided, which made it most enjoyable. Bros. G. A. Myers, P.M., A. R. Brett, and A. K. Boothroyd acted as M.C.'s. Bro. James Sharples, Fred. Morgan, and J. W. Veal deserve great praise for the indefatigable way in which they worked to make the ball such a success.

At the annual meeting of the Devon and Cornwall Freemasons' Hall and Club Company, before the brethren separated, Bro. Dr. Lemon asked the Chairman's acceptance of a very handsome aneroid barometer and thermometer, to be hung in the hall of the club. The Chairman, on behalf of the members generally, thanked Bro. Dr. Lemon for his further manifestation of his great interest in Freemasonry, and assured him that the gift would be highly valued by the members at large. The barometer bears two silver gilt plates, upon one of which is the inscription: "Plymouth Freemasons' Club," and on the other, "Presented by W. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Lemon, P.P.G.J.W., &c., 1893."

Following up the recent Masonic Ball, the Freemasons of Stockton and lady friends, to the number of about 130, held a most enjoyable re-union, on Friday evening, the 27th ult., the programme consisting of dancing, vocal and instrumental music, and limelight views. The arrangements were carried out in a very efficient manner by a Committee of brethren, whilst Bro. Tinkler discharged the Secretarial duties most satisfactorily. The limelight views were shown by Bros. Downs and Draper, in the lodge room. A pleasing feature of the musical programme was the rendition by Miss Brotherton, daughter of Bro. John Brotherton, of a new song entitled "When the shadows flee away," written and composed by Bro. H. H. Readman, the talented Organist of the Whitwell Lodge. The song, alike in the rendition and the composition, secured the warmest approval of the large audience, and was most deservedly encored.

At Messrs. Puttick and Simpson's, in Leicester-square, the library of Mr. H. Christie has just been dispersed. Amongst the best prices were: "The Humorist," by George Cruikshank, consisting of tales, anecdotes, epigrams, &c., with numerous coloured plates, £29; Dickens' "Pickwick Papers," in the original parts, with all the wrappers, plates by Seymour and Piaz, £13; the same author's "Great Expectations," 3 vols., first edition, £13 5s.; Beaumont's "La Folle Journée, ou Le Mariage de Figaro," with the double set of plates by T. Quantin, £12; Cruikshank's Comic Almanacs, nearly complete, first edition, £12; and the following illuminated manuscripts on vellum:—A Horre Beate, XVth century, with 230 beautiful arabesque borders, and numerous large and small miniatures and embellished capitals, £20; another of the same period with full-page miniatures and floriated borders, £14 10s.; and another, highly ornamented, £19; Bouchet's "Triumphes de la noble et amoureuse Dame," 1536, £18; "Chivalry, Livre du preux vaillant et treuveux Chevalier Palmelin d'Angleterre" (first French version), £16 10s.; Racine's "Le Theatre," 4 vols., unique copy, printed on vellum, £19 19s.

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